

Visiting DAs Won't Comment on 'Plot'

Visiting district attorneys here for a conference today declined to say what they think about District Attorney Jim Garrison's probe of the Kennedy assassination, but they are following developments in the case with a great deal of interest.

Those interviewed are here for the 10th annual Attorney General's Conference for District Attorneys in Louisiana. They included MacDonald Gallion, Attorney general of Alabama, who was here to address the meeting.

Gallion said, "I'm not going to make any comments on Mr. Garrison. I try to tend to Alabama and I have my hands full. However, I do have a great deal of interest in following the developments of Mr. Garrison's case."

GALLION SAID public interest in the case is keen in Alabama and that details of the case are getting front-page play in his state.

Charles A. Traylor III of Monroe, an assistant DA in the Fourth Judicial District, said that he is "convinced that Garrison is doing what he thinks is in the best interest of the people he serves."

Traylor commented that the investigation might have been slowed down when it was made public. "As long as you have an element of surprise on your side," he said, "the information flows freely. Once a matter becomes public knowledge, as in this case, the flow of information slows down."

SHERIFF F. A. Smith of New Roads said that in his part of the state, "We're all just waiting to see what will happen, more than anything . . . We're just reading and watching. Quite a few people are saying that where there's smoke, there's a little fire some place. We're willing to listen to new evidence in the case with an open mind."

A number of attorneys, who



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CHARLES A. TRAYLOR III
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SHERIFF F. A. SMITH
"reading and watching."

would not comment on the case itself, said they felt that public opinion is on Garrison's side.

One attorney, who declined to be quoted, said, "I think public opinion has been with Garrison ever since he's been in office. That's the amazing thing about the man."

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