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## GARRISON HERE ON CASE

# N. Hollywood Man Accused in Assassination of Kennedy

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New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's investigation into the assassination of President John F. Kennedy took one of its most curious turns Wednesday while focusing on a North Hollywood man.

The development had three facets:

1—In New Orleans, his office announced that Garrison had filed charges of conspiracy to kill Mr. Kennedy against Edgar Eugene Bradley.

Bradley's arrest is "imminent," a Garrison spokesman said, and he added that the towering district attorney himself was out of the city pursuing Bradley.

2—An hour later, The Times found Garrison in a bar at the International Hotel here, where Garrison has been registered under an assumed name. The controversial prosecutor declined comment on any aspect of the matter.

### 'Not Going to Tell a Thing'

"I'm not going to tell The Times a ... thing," he told a reporter.

3—Fifteen miles away in his North Hollywood home, Edgar Eugene Bradley, 49, West Coast representative for the head of an international church council, said: "This man must be nuts."

Bradley said he did not know Garrison or any of the principals in the investigation, had never been approached by investigators about the assassination and considered Garrison's charges "an obvious frame."

Bradley, the father of two grown children, said that the photograph Garrison's office released of the man against whom charges were filed was, indeed, a picture of him.



Edgar Eugene Bradley

### Sums Up His Reaction

Bradley, a West Coast representative for Dr. Carl McIntire, president of the International Council of Christian Churches, summed up his reaction to the charges by saying:

"I'm as shocked as anybody—no wonder they've been saying his investigation is ridiculous."

He said he does not have the

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slightest idea where Garrison had obtained his photograph.

Bradley added that he had visited New Orleans, the city upon which Garrison's investigation has centered, only once: "My wife and I went through there on vacation the first part of April this year."

The day of the assassination, Nov. 22, 1963, Bradley said he was in El Paso, returning home by bus from a business visit with Dr. McIntire.

#### Second Charged in Probe

Bradley, 12203 Emelita St., is the second person to be charged by Garrison with conspiracy to assassinate Mr. Kennedy.

Clay L. Shaw, 54, former managing director of New Orleans' Trade Mart, was named in a similar charge last March. He pleaded innocent and tentatively is scheduled to be tried in February.

Garrison said at the time of Shaw's arrest that other arrests would be forthcoming.

Garrison's investigation has ic-



RELAXING — New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison takes his ease at International Hotel. It was learned he is here seeking a North Hollywood man accused of role in the assassination of John F. Kennedy.

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volved around his theory that a shadowy group including homosexuals, anti-Castro Cubans and CIA-oriented conspirators conspired in New Orleans in 1963 to kill Mr. Kennedy.

Bradley has a wife, a son, 19, and a daughter, 21. He scoffed at a report he was with the OSS in World War II and had CIA connections.

Bradley, who was informed of the charge against him just before a prayer meeting was to begin in his home, said an FBI agent had questioned him "recently."

He said the agent told him he was looking for a man with a similar name and thought the agent had indicated the man he sought was "on the 10 most wanted list."

The agent left, said Bradley, "convinced I was not the man."

Garrison, during the last two months, has been in and out of Los Angeles, registering under assumed names at hotels.

#### Uses Other Name

Epon his arrival here to make a speech in November, he signed the Century Plaza register as "Claude Culpepper." He was registered at the International Hotel near the airport as "Clyde Ballou."

William Boxley, an investigator, accompanied the New Orleans prosecutor here.

Capt. Ray Holt, head of the Los Angeles County sheriff's intelligence unit, said Garrison had made no attempt to consult his unit or LAPD intelligence about Bradley, the normal procedure for out-of-state officers seeking to make an arrest in this jurisdiction.

The governor's office in Sacramento reported that Garrison had made no extradition overtures to it.

Bradley, dark-haired and of medium height and build, said "certain individuals who have been trying to frame me for five years because I work with Dr. McIntire" might have "planted" information about him with Garrison.

The New Jersey-based church council head is

widely known for his radio broadcast, carried, said Bradley, over more than 600 stations nationally.

McIntire is an ardently conservative theologian, often accused by critics of being a fierce right-winger. He frequently has attacked the National Council of Churches, claiming it is "used" by Communists. He has described the United Nations as "a center for Communist espionage."

The charge against Bradley was contained in a bill of information, as was the original accusation against Shaw 10 months ago. Shaw later was indicted, as well.

#### Name Not in Probe

"Like Clay Shaw," said Garrison's statement released in New Orleans Wednesday, "Mr. Bradley's name did not come up in the federal 'investigation' of the assassination nor is his name mentioned anywhere in the 26 volumes of the Warren Report 'inquiry' into the case."

The Warren Commission found that Lee Harvey Oswald alone was responsible for the assassination in Dallas four years ago.

Garrison's office in New Orleans also declined to comment on the charge against Bradley. The bill of information bore neither his age nor address, only his name.

"The reason for the secrecy," said Louis Ivon, Garrison's chief investigator, "is that Mr. Garrison is still trying to locate Bradley."