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Order Sought To Force DA Aides to Talk

District Attorney Jim Garrison has shown contempt for a federal court and should be ordered to obey the court's orders, attorneys for Clay L. Shaw charged today.

Counsel for Shaw, who is charged with conspiracy in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, filed a 300-page document in Federal District Court seeking to compel Garrison's aides to answer a lengthy set of questions to which they thus far refused to reply.

FEDERAL DISTRICT Judge Frederick J. R. Heebe was asked to set a hearing on the matter at 10 a. m., June 19.

This is in addition to a hearing ordered previously before a three-judge federal panel including Judge Heebe, which will consider Shaw's charges that his constitutional rights have been violated by Garrison. No date has been set for the three-judge hearing.

Today's court action grew out of Judge Heebe's order of June 4 when he gave Shaw's attorneys the right to take depositions from four of Garrison's top aides, James L. Alcock, Charles R. Ward, Numa V. Bertel and Anthony Sciambra.

THE FOLLOWING day,

Garrison publically ordered the four to tell the attorneys nothing more than their name, office rank, and social security number.

On June 6, the Shaw attorneys met in private with the four DA's aides to take the depositions. Copies of the depositions provided the bulk of the 300-page document filed today.

They showed that the DA's four aides gave little more information than Garrison ordered, refusing to answer most questions.

THUS THE SHAW attorneys Edward F. Wegmann, F. Irvin Dymond, William J. Wegmann and Salvatore Panzeca, asked Judge Heebe to order the DA's men to answer and to pay \$3,000 in court costs for having to seek the order.

Garrison's order and his aides' action in obeying it, Wegmann charged, "is contemptuous and despising of the authority, justice and dignity of the court. It is conduct which serves to bring the authority and the administration of the law into disrespect.

Such conduct on the part of the defendants and witnesses impedes the court, embarrasses the court and obstructs the court in the discharge of its duties; that the actions of the defendants and the witnesses, acting under witness . . . was for no other reason than to embarrass the court, to show the contempt for the court held by said individuals."

THE ATTACHED copies of the depositions show that Alcock answered when Wegmann asked him his name, rank in the DA's office and Social Security number. Wegmann than asked Alcock if he were

answering in response to Garrison's instructions.

Alcock said: "First of all, I'm answering because you asked me; second, I did not feel that (the questions) in any way reflected or in any way delved into evidence the state may have against Clay L. Shaw."

Wegmann then asked Alcock if the resignation of Richard Burnes from the DA's staff was in connection with the Shaw case.

Alcock said he refused to answer on the advice of his attorney, Bertel.

WEGMANN PROCEEDED to ask Alcock the following questions, all of which he refused to answer:

—Have you ever instructed anyone to investigate, to secure incriminating evidence for use in the Shaw case, and to pay for it or to obtain it by means of threats or violence?

—As a result of whatever part or portions of the Warren Report, that you had read, and your work with Jim Garrison in his Kennedy assassination probe, do you believe that Lee Harvey Oswald killed Kennedy?

—DO YOU BELIEVE that President Lyndon B. Johnson is an accessory after the fact in the assassination of President Kennedy?

—If the United States District Court orders you to answer any or all of the questions which have previously been propounded to you, it is your intent to continue to refuse to answer?

—Are you willing to ignore the orders of this court simply because Mr. Garrison tells you to do so?

There were numerous other questions which Alcock and the other three aides refused to answer.

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