

# Sheriff Pitchess makes travesty of justice

Sheriff Peter Pitchess set a new trend in police congeniality last week with his warm handshake and happy smile for a man accused of conspiring to assassinate President Kennedy. Many on-lookers applauded the humanity of this New Look in the LAPD including Jerry Cohen of the L.A. Times who commented: "The surrender scene in Pitchess' office was less reminiscent of the dark days in Dallas four years ago than a Toastmaster's regional convention."

Errant hippie lawbreakers should take solace in seeing the intelligent and dignified treatment given people who are, after all, innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. One newsman, unsympathetic to the cause of humane police treatment, suggested that Sheriff Pitchess acted in a prejudicial and appalling manner for a man supposed to act as an impartial public servant. This same newsman described the arrest as a "mockery of justice and one for which Pitchess should be remembered when Eugene Bradley comes to trial."

But this narrow viewpoint is

requisites for humane police treatment in Los Angeles:

1. Being accused of a crime so complex and monstrous that Peter Pitchess cannot imagine it.

2. Having a Times editorial written on your behalf pleading for interference with due process of law and order (and lauding, by implication, the irregular procedure of failing to set bail).

3. Membership in an extreme right wing organization that disapproved of many Kennedy policies and approves of many Pitchess policies.

4. Hire George J. Jensen, long-time old buddy of "Peter" (as he calls him) Pitchess who is also very friendly with far right California politicians, including members of Gov. Reagan's staff. This will assure impartiality all the way to Sacramento.

5. Have your lawyer bring some diverting pulchritude into the po-



A Winchester repeater  
**SPORTING GUN.** A gun or rifle used  
for shooting game.

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Orleans court. This is attained by working for a religious organization that believes the National Council of Churches is Communist-influenced. Oh yes, also, have your lawyer read the names of people who will attest to your high repute, but don't let the Times print the list.

A new era is dawning in the LAPD! Could rumors be true that Sheriff Pitchess has adopted as his motto: "Equal Decent Treatment For All. Trust The Citizen; Doubt The D.A. And The Cop"?