

DA Assails Assassination Probe Stories

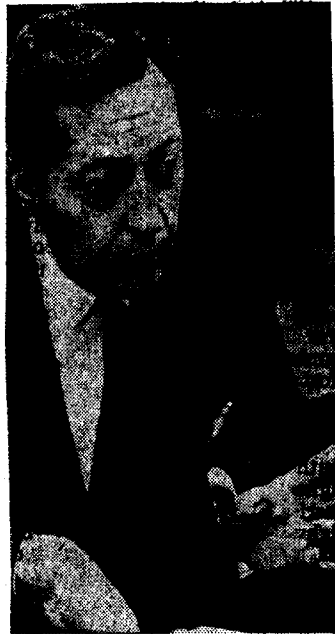
NEW ORLEANS (AP)—
Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison
said Sunday "irrespon-
sible" publicity may slow
his Kennedy assassination
probe and could endanger
lives.

The district attorney
however, reaffirmed his
statement that arrests will
be made and that he
thinks convictions will

Garrison rejected a sug-
gestion from Rep. Gerald
R. Ford (R-Mich.) in
Washington that he give
his information to the
U.S. attorney general, who
could pass it on to Pres-
ident Johnson.

"I am running this in-
vestigation, not the
President, not the attor-
ney general," he said.

"We are investigating a
conspiracy which ap-
peared to have occurred in
New Orleans and they
don't have a thing in the
world to do with it. Now
if they want to help me,
I'll welcome their help.
But I'm not reporting to
anybody."



Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison

Garrison, 44, said in-
volvement with federal
officers would slow the
investigation.
The district attorney
said Saturday a conspira-
cy conceived here culmi-
nated in the assassination
of President John
Kennedy in Dallas Nov.
2, 1963.

There is no question, he
said, that others besides
Lee Harvey Oswald — a
former New Orleans res-
ident—were involved in
the conspiracy.

The Warren Commission
said its exhaustive investi-
gation showed that Os-
wald shot the President—
and that there was no
credible evidence that
anyone else was implicat-
ed.

Garrison said he was
making substantial pro-
gress before a New Or-
leans newspaper pub-
lished a story on the
investigation. **END**