

## ANSWERS SHAW ATTORNEY'S QUÉRY

# No Juror Aided DA Fund--Foreman

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The Orleans Parish Grand Jury foreman said today neither he nor any member of the jury has contributed to a private fund created to finance Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's Kennedy death plot investigation.

Attorneys for murder conspiracy defendant Clay L. Shaw raised the possibility of juror contributions in motions filed with Criminal District Court Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr.

They asked for a full disclosure of the membership and finances of Truth and Consequences. Specifically, they wanted to know if any member had contributed.

**FOREMAN** Albert LaBiche answering a newsman's question, declared:

"I have definitely not made any contribution, and I have asked every member of the jury if they have made contributions.

"They said they have not. I feel it would be a definite conflict of interest."

Grand jurors are engaged in

a continuing investigation of what Garrison says was a plot hatched to murder Kennedy at Dallas in 1963.

The jury has indicted one man for complicity in Kennedy's death. Two others have been charged with perjury.

**RETIRED NEW** Orleans businessman Clay L. Shaw, 54, is free on \$10,000 bond awaiting trial on charges that he conspired with Lee Harvey Oswald and the late David W. Ferrie to kill the President.

Ferrie, onetime airline pilot, died Feb. 22—five days after the Garrison inquiry became public. Oswald was named by the Warren Commission as Kennedy's lone slayer.

Meanwhile, an agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation has refused to tell the jury about his part in the investigation of Kennedy's assassination.

FBI man Regis Kennedy spent more than an hour in the jury room yesterday afternoon after his appearance was

ordered by Judge Bernard J. Bagert.

But Garrison said Kennedy invoked executive privilege and refused to divulge information to the jury during the hour he was behind the closed doors.

Despite his reticence, Kennedy may escape a criminal contempt charge, the possibility of which was mentioned by attorneys for the Justice Department.

**AFTER THE** agent's appearance, Asst. DA Alvin Oser said the subpoena on Kennedy had been withdrawn.

Judge Bagert ordered Kennedy before the grand jury after ruling the federal government has no right to guard its employes from testimony before courts and their agencies.

"Judicial control over the evidence in a case cannot be abdicated to the caprice of executive officers," the judge declared.

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# Probe Figures Subpenaed in Andrews Suit

Five figures in Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's Kennedy death plot investigation have been subpenaed by U.S. District Court in connection with a \$100,000 suit filed by Dean A. Andrews.

Andrews has been indicted for perjury by the Orleans Parish grand jury which accused him of lying about his knowledge of Clay L. Shaw and the mysterious Clay Bertrand.

Andrews, suspended as an assistant DA in Jefferson Parish after his indictment, filed the suit against Garrison April 13.

**HE CHARGED** the DA deprived him of his civil rights.

Shaw, the only man charged with complicity in Kennedy's murder, is free on \$10,000 bond awaiting trial here.

Andrews told the Warren Commission someone he identified as Clay Bertrand called him after Kennedy's slaying and asked him to represent accused assassin Lee Harvey Oswald.

He insisted before the grand jury here that he could not connect Shaw and Bertrand with any certainty. Garrison maintains the two actually are the same man.

**SUBPENAS SERVED** by U.S. marshals yesterday went to Dr. Nicholas Chetta, Orleans Parish coroner; Dr. Esmond F. Fatter, grand jury foreman Albert LaBiche, and DA's investigators William Gurvich and Lynn Loisel.

Dr. Fatter testified at a preliminary hearing for Shaw that he administered a truth drug to star state witness Perry R. Russo of Baton Rouge.

Russo said he overheard Shaw, Oswald and the late David W. Ferrie plot Kennedy's death in Ferrie's apartment on Louisiana ave. pkwy. **END**

## Death Probe Figure Wounded by Sniper

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) —A radio station official told police Sunday that Gordon Novel, a figure in

New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's probe of the Kennedy assassination, was wounded by sniper fire here earlier in the day.

Police said they were investigating the report by Charles F. Walker, president of station

WKDA. They confirmed, however, that five shots had been fired at a WKDA news wagon in which Novel was allegedly sitting.

Walker said, Novel, 29, suffered a minor shoulder wound during a barrage of gunfire outside the apart-

ment of WKDA news director Gary Edwards.

The radio official said Novel was in Nashville at the request of the station and had agreed to disclose information that "would blow the New Orleans investigation wide open."

# Garrison Says Oswald Did Not Kill Kennedy

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—  
Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison said Sunday night that Lee Harvey Oswald did not kill President John F. Kennedy and the CIA "knows the name of every man involved and the name of the individuals who pulled the triggers from the grassy knoll and the stone wall area."

He also charged that the Central Intelligence Agency "through devious ways and through intermediaries is actually paying lawyers to block the completion" of his investigation of the Presidential assassination.

Garrison said his investigation has been successful.

"We have learned what happened. We have even located photographs in which we have found the men behind the grassy knoll and stone wall before they dropped completely out of sight."

"There were five of them," he said, "three behind the stone wall and two behind the grassy knoll."

## Commission Claim

The Warren Commission said it could find no evidence of any persons behind a grassy knoll or stone wall in Dallas although several witnesses made such claims.

"The point is," Garrison said, "the Warren Commission said nobody was back there and they had to say nobody was back there because not enough evidence was presented for them to make any other conclusion."

Garrison, who began his own probe last fall of the Nov. 22, 1963, slaying in Dallas, Tex., of Kennedy, said of the CIA, "what it's doing, it's a criminal act."

"And if the director of

the CIA and the top officials of the CIA were in the jurisdiction of Louisiana, I would charge them without hesitation," Garrison said in a 23-minute interview with newsmen Bob Jones on WWL-TV of New Orleans.

The station presented an hour-long documentary on Garrison's investigation Sunday night.

The flamboyant Garrison, this city's unorthodox prosecutor for six years, told Jones he would

include CIA Director Richard Helms "because he has to know what he's doing."

The Warren Commission concluded that Lee Harvey Oswald, a New Orleans-born ex-Marine who went to the Soviet Union for 2½ years, acted alone in killing the President.

Oswald, who spent the summer of 1963 here before going to Dallas in October, was killed two days after the assassination by Jack Ruby, who has since died.

## CIA Activities

Last March 1, Garrison arrested Clay Shaw, 54, a wealthy retired businessman, on charges of conspiring to murder the President. Since then, a grand jury has indicted Shaw on the same charge. He is free on \$10,000 bond.

"The Central Intelligence Agency began its criminal activities, in my judgment," Garrison said, "immediately after the assassination when they failed to reveal to the Federal Bureau of Investigation in its entirety what its activities were in New Orleans when Lee Oswald was working for it and it's

compounded them since by essentially criminal activities by making every possible effort to block our investigation." A spokesman for the CIA in Washington said the organization would have no comment on Garrison's remarks.

Asked if Oswald fired the fatal shots in Dallas, Garrison replied:

"No, Lee Harvey Oswald did not, did not even shoot President Kennedy. He did not fire a shot from the Book Depository Building . . . he did not touch a gun on that day. He was a decoy at first. And then he was a patsy and then he was a victim." This is how Garrison answered the next question about who did kill the President:

"Oh, I can say who did without any question, except, and we know the group and we know some of the names of the group. But we don't know which one was standing where and we can't find out with the CIA keeping its vaults locked."

## Reported Ex-Employees

"They were former employees of the CIA. We managed to get the names of some of them in a way I can't describe here, but we cannot find out through any government agency where they are located now . . . and we have a stone wall there as far as the identification of the other individuals."

"But I can say the rest of them are Cubans who were training in New Orleans." **END**

# House Refuses To OK DA Funds

(States-Item Bureau)  
BATON ROUGE—The Louisiana House today rejected an effort to appropriate \$50,000 to Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison to help defray the cost of his investigation into the assassination of President Kennedy.

The attempt was made by Rep. Risley Triche of Assumption Parish during debate over the general appropriations bill.

Triche said that he was asking for the funds following discussions with intermediaries of Garrison. He told the House that the \$50,000 figure was the sum discussed. Triche, who apparently

caught the New Orleans House delegation unaware, said he primarily was concerned about the use of private funds to finance a criminal investigation by the district attorney's office.

REP. SALVADOR Anzelmo said that appropriation of \$50,000 to the district attorney for the investigation would not eliminate the private fund source.

Garrison has been receiving aid from a group of wealthy private citizens to whom he turned in a move to avoid having to account for expenditures of public money shortly after his investigation was disclosed by the States-Item.

The House, sitting as a committee of the whole in debating the appropriations bill, voted 66 to 31 against let-

ting Garrison have the money. Since the group was in committee, there was no record vote taken.

HOWEVER, ON THE basis of green lights, it was obvious that the Orleans delegation was split over the amendment.

Triche brought up his

amendment when the section of the general appropriations bill covering a \$681,100 appropriation for district attorneys in the state, including \$84,000 for the Orleans district attorney, came up for consideration.

It drew immediate opposition from an administration floor leader, Rep. Robert Munson, Rapides, who was handling the bill for Gov. John McKeithen.

Munson declared that he was opposed to the grounds that the current budget only forecasts a surplus of \$37,000 in the general fund and the amendment would leave only \$7,000—a figure he considered much too close.

REP. FORD STINSON of Bossier, recalling the fight Garrison once had with the Legislature, asked Triche:

"Isn't that the same fellow that says the Legislature is a bunch of crooks? Will he use it to investigate Kennedy or us?"

Triche responded, "I want to ask you not to engage in personalities over this very serious matter. It foretells dangers of impartial administration of justice."

Munson said, "I object to the amendment primarily for

one reason: It is the same man who called you and me a bunch of crooks. I have a mind like an elephant myself.

"I HAVE NO USE for Mr. Jim Garrison, but that's not the reason for my objection."

Then he related the plight of state finances.

When Triche took the floor, he told the House that the in-

vestigation into the murder and the alleged conspiracy to murder President Kennedy was a problem of public interest.

"The investigation of a crime in New Orleans and the state of Louisiana is a public responsibility," the former floor leader for ex-Gov. Jimmie Davis said.

"It is the responsibility of this Legislature to finance the investigation and prosecution of crime as an integral part of the administration of justice in Louisiana."

HE SAID THIS is of local, state, national and international importance. "I think it transcends the boundaries of Louisiana."

Triche declared, "I am particularly alarmed, and there are a great many citizens share my view, about the fact that the Orleans Parish district attorney has had to accept private contributions to finance the investigation of this murder.

"It must be financed by public funds. Otherwise, gentlemen, we cannot insure the impartial administration of justice. It matters not, gentlemen, whether the district attorney has a case or not, it matters not if he ever gets a conviction, it matters not if you become emotionally involved on one side or not—it matters that the district attorney has had to accept private contributions to carry on a public function."

REP. EDWARD F. LeBreton of Orleans, a floor leader for Mayor Victor Schiro, took the microphone to declare that Garrison had not consulted any of the Orleans members.

"This finds us from New Orleans a little surprised," LeBreton said. "We knew nothing about this. We heard nothing from Mr. Garrison. I would like to think that if

our district attorney wants this, he would have made it known to us.

"Is there any way you can indicate to us why we are not carrying the ball, we find this a little embarrassing," LeBreton said.

Triche replied that he would be glad to wait action on the amendment while LeBreton contacted Garrison, but the House voted anyway.

Rep. Cleve Marcel of Terrebonne Parish elicited from Triche that the latter had been in contact with intermediaries of Garrison.

"I HAVE NOT talked personally with Garrison," Triche said. "He has not requested this. I have not discussed this with intermediaries, who say he needs the funds. I have discussed it with people who have discussed it with Mr. Garrison."

Triche drew support from Rep. Joel Chaisson of St. Charles Parish.

"I certainly believe this to be a request for a worthwhile project," Chaisson said. "I can remember when we were accused by Garrison and I was one who wanted to bring him down here the next day. We couldn't find enough with guts to bring him down.

"He has made some grave accusations against the CIA," Chaisson continued. "Public funds should finance the investigation. We haven't heard anything from the CIA. We should expect to hear something from the CIA." END