

Inquiry Into Garrison's Probe Conduct Urged

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—The Metropolitan Crime Commission of New Orleans called Thursday for an exhaustive state investigation of the manner in which Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison has conducted his investigation of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

If the statements made on a National Broadcasting Co. television program Monday night are true, the commission said, "the people of New Orleans are without basis for confidence that the laws of this state will be applied so as to convict the guilty and exonerate the innocent."

"On the contrary, there is reason for fear that anyone may be charged and prosecuted based upon contrived false evidence."

The commission urged Louisiana Atty. Gen. Jack Gremlillon in a letter to name a special, select committee of lawyers "to conduct a full investigation, and, if the evidence justifies, to prosecute any persons believed to have committed crimes against the people."

Garrison, replying to the statement, challenged the commission to submit its complaint to the grand jury. Garrison said he would ask foreman Albert LeBiche to call Aaron Kohn, the commission's managing director, before the grand jury so that he can present his accusations.

"If what he says is true, Garrison, replying to the statement, challenged the commission to submit its complaint to the grand jury. Garrison said he would ask foreman Albert LeBiche to call Aaron Kohn, the commission's managing director, before the grand jury so that he can present his accusations.

The commission said an "official, impartial, fact-finding procedure" should be created now to "exhaustively examine all al-

llegations made against the Orleans Parish district attorney's office." The crime commission is a private group, financed by voluntary contributions from private citizens.

CBS Supports Findings of Warren Commission

Network Says It Has Found 3 Additional Pieces of Evidence Weakening Criticism

NEW YORK (AP)—CBS News said Sunday it has turned up three additional pieces of evidence to strengthen the conclusions that Lee Harvey Oswald assassinated President John F. Kennedy in 1963.

The news department of the Columbia Broadcasting System said its own investigation supports the basic finding of the Warren Commission, which conducted the official inquiry into the Dallas assassination, and significantly weakens a central contention of the critics—that Oswald would not have had enough time to fire three shots.

CBS aired its findings in an hour-long show moderated by Walter Cronkite Sunday night, the first of a four-part series on its investigation.

Accurate Fire

The news department said it concluded:

1—"That a Mannlicher-Carcano rifle can be fired at least as accurately and rapidly — and probably more—as the commission believed.

2—"That the first shot was fired from Dallas' Texas School Book Depository Building sooner than the Warren Commission said.

3—"That the amateur film taken by Abraham Zapruder was quite possibly running slower than the commission thought.

4—"That the shot that Gov. John Connally of Texas insists he heard missed its mark."

To support its conclu-

sions, the network offered what it said were three additions to material contained in the 21 volumes of testimony obtained by the Warren Commission on the Nov. 22, 1963, assassination.

CBS News' analysis of Zapruder's film suggests strongly that the first shot was fired at frame 186, the network said.

Estimated Time

"The commission said only that the first shot to hit came between frames 210 and 225," CBS said.

Blurs on three of the film frames indicate that "something startled Mr. Zapruder earlier," the broadcast said, "and the evidence is that a rifle shot was what startled him."

That, plus what CBS News said was possibly a "slow camera . . . most likely mean that the rifleman may have had additional time to get off three shots," probably seven to eight seconds instead of the 5.6 seconds indicated by Warren Commission tests, the program said.

CBS News said it made carefully controlled experiments from a 60-foot tower, the same height as the sixth-floor window of the School Book Depository, with a moving target and found that a rifle of the make Oswald used "can be fired more rapidly than the commission believed."

Makes Three Hits

One of its 11 volunteer marksmen made three hits in 5.2 seconds, the broadcast said, while another got one hit from three shots in 4.1 seconds.

The program also con-

cluded it is reasonable that the first shot, which Connally insists he heard, "missed its mark. The governor has insisted all along that he was not struck by the first shot. It now appears he was correct."

The CBS News investigation also supported commission findings that Oswald owned a rifle, took one to the book depository and that Oswald was in the building on the sixth floor when the three shots were fired.

The network said subsequent broadcasts on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights will cover the questions of whether Oswald was part of a conspiracy, and "why do a majority of Americans not believe" the Warren Commission report.

Garrison Aide Tells of Plan to See Chief

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NEW ORLEANS—Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's top aide, who reportedly has already told Sen. Robert Kennedy (D-N.Y.) there is no substance to Garrison's investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy, plans to confront the prosecutor today and ask him to reconsider his inquiry, a reliable source said.

After returning here Sunday from New York where he interviewed a witness in the Garrison investigation, William Gurvich talked with a newsman about his plans to see Garrison.

Gurvich, head of a private detective agency and a \$1-a-year chief investigator for Garrison, emphasized that he is still a member of Garrison's staff.

Connection Denied

Garrison himself was unavailable for comment Sunday, but earlier one of his aides, commenting on reports of Gurvich's talk with Kennedy, declared that Gurvich has not been connected with the investigation for more than two months.

He implied Gurvich was not actually a member of the staff.

Gurvich said he still is in possession of a staff car of the district attorney's office and still has personal and professional belongings in an office he shares with Garrison.

Gurvich, one of Garrison's strongest backers when the investigation was first publicized last February, has apparently been taken aback by the

way the case has crumbled since New Orleans businessman Clay L. Shaw was arrested and indicted in March on a charge of conspiring to assassinate President Kennedy.

Several persons questioned in the investigation have been quoted by newsmen as declaring they were offered various concessions by the district attorney's office if they would plant evidence or give false testimony in the case.

Gurvich met with Kennedy at his own request on June 8 and reportedly told him he regretted the course the investigation had taken.

Meanwhile, Garrison has continued to insist that he has the key to the assassination and that the Warren Commission was erroneous in identifying Lee Harvey Oswald as the lone assassin.

Avoids Comment

He also continues to avoid direct comment on specific charges about his investigation. Instead, he levels new charges of his own. His latest was a statement Saturday declaring: "A tremendous amount of federal power is being brought to bear on anyone connected with our investigation, whether he be witness or investigator, in an effort to conceal the real truth about President Kennedy's murder.

"The official Washington attitude is that our inquiry must be stopped at all cost," Garrison claimed.

Shaw Hopeful 4-Month 'Nightmare' Is Ending

Garrison Aide Resignation Sparks First Exuberance Since Arrest, Friend Says

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NEW ORLEANS—After

Clay L. Shaw was arrested March 1 on a charge of conspiring to assassinate President John F. Kennedy, he told a friend his life had been ruined and he felt he was living a nightmare.

For four months he has been trying to awaken from the nightmare, taking heart each time a newspaper, magazine or television report punctures another hole in Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's investigation of the assassination.

But not until Garrison's top aide, William Gurvich, resigned Monday and called on the district attorney to drop the conspiracy charge did Shaw show any real exuberance.

One of his closest friends, Mrs. Howard F. Bogner, Tuesday quoted him as saying:

"God, it's a gift from heaven. I had no idea this would happen."

On the advice of his attorneys, Shaw, 54-year-old former director of the International Trade Mart, continued to refuse to comment on the case.

Certain of Innocence

Mrs. Bogner, well-known New Orleans businesswoman, told how Shaw kept to himself at his French Quarter residence immediately after the arrest reluctant to be seen in public, but then began to see old friends.

"All of his friends who know him well have stuck by him," she said. "They know he is innocent."

Shaw maintained an outward appearance of calm since his arrest. Mrs. Bogner said he is "a very self-contained, self-disci-

plined person.

"But he told me it was like living a nightmare," she said, "like the end of the world."

Mrs. Bogner quoted Shaw as saying after his arrest, "my life is completely ruined. Here at my age when I thought I had accumulated enough to retire and write, I'm going to pay out everything to attorneys."

She said that Shaw already is hurting financially from attorney fees and investigative costs of trying to disprove Garrison's assassination charge.

Shaw, described by friends as a political liberal and an admirer of President Kennedy, went to the Mississippi Gulf Coast for a Catholic retreat after being released on bond following his arrest. He later told friends he was encouraged by a Jesuit priest who said:

"You say you are innocent, so don't worry. Nobody can ruin your life except yourself. Justice will be done."

When Shaw returned from the retreat, Mrs. Bogner invited him to her house for dinner, as she had in the past. This put her in the unusual position of explaining to others she invited that one of the guests would be a man accused of conspiring to murder the President.

"I always told them he was coming," she said, "and they could come or not. I did it because I did not want him embar-

assed. All of the guests always came."

Mrs. Bogner said it might be better for Shaw to go to trial than to have the charges dropped. "Then the public could see conclusively he is innocent," she said. "He has been quite prepared to go to trial and have everything brought out into the open."

Edward F. Wegmann, one of Shaw's attorneys, said that while Shaw is "quite pleased" that Gurvich has urged that the charge be dropped, he still recognizes he may have to go through the rigors of a trial.

"A full-blown trial might benefit him more from a public relations standpoint and publicly clear him of suspicion," Wegmann said. "But I think as his attorneys we must be guided by the principle that a client should be

cleared short of a trial if possible."

Wegmann said that since an indictment against Shaw is outstanding, he does not know what the legal status of the charge would be if the grand jury now reconsidered and decided to return a no-bill. Under the law, he said, the district

attorney apparently is the only official empowered to drop the charge.

Garrison, who has promised other arrests and has predicted convictions, says he will pursue his investigation to show that Shaw conspired with several persons, including Lee Harvey Oswald (identified as the lone assassin by the Warren commission), to murder President Kennedy.

Evidence in Garrison Probe Hit by CBS

NEW YORK (UPI)

The Columbia Broadcasting System concluded Tuesday night that New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's probe of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy was "largely unsupported" by the evidence.

CBS, in the third of four hour-long broadcasts entitled "The Warren Report," supported the Warren commission's findings

and denied there was any basis for Garrison's probe.

CBS said that its investigation agreed with the Warren commission that Oswald acted alone in shooting Kennedy, that Oswald killed officer J. D. Tippitt, and that Jack Ruby's killing of Oswald was "an impulse—mea-

ningless violence born of meaningless violence."

The network said its investigators found "no convincing evidence of a conspiracy" such as that suggested by Garrison.

Orleans Grand Jury Subpoenas Gurvich

Exclusive to The Times from
a Staff Writer

NEW ORLEANS — In-
vestigator William Gur-
vich Tuesday was subpoe-

naed to appear before the
Orleans Parish Grand
Jury today to testify in
Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's
Kennedy death plot inqui-
ry.

Gurvich asked to appear
before the jury after re-
signing as an aide to
Garrison Monday and ac-
cusing the district attor-
ney of falsely charging

Clay L. Shaw with conspir-
ing to assassinate Presi-
dent John F. Kennedy.

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