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# Sheridan Going To Federal Court

Attorneys for a television newsman accused of attempting to bribe a witness in DA Jim Garrison's assassination investigation took their fight to federal court today.

The Louisiana State Supreme Court ruled yesterday that Walter Sheridan, a reporter for the National Broadcasting Co.,

must testify before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury, saying that the newsman's claim of harassment by Garrison is not sufficient "to warrant the exercise of our supervisory jurisdiction at this time."

MILTON BRENER, an attorney for Sheridan, said today he would file pleadings in federal district court today on behalf of his client. Asked whether he would go all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court if necessary in an attempt to thwart Sheridan's appearance before the grand jury, Brener replied: "We intend to do everything we possibly can."

Sheridan was subpoenaed to appear before the grand jury shortly after Garrison charged him with attempting to bribe Perry Raymond Russo of Baton Rouge, who testified he witnessed Clay Shaw, David Ferrie and Lee Harvey Oswald plot to assassinate President John F. Kennedy.

Shaw has been charged by Garrison with conspiring to kill the president.

THE CHARGE against Sheridan grew out of an hour-long documentary which was highly critical of Garrison's methods of handling the probe.

Meanwhile, Gordon Novel, another witness in the probe, has volunteered to go before the grand jury provided he be questioned under the influence of "truth serum," or hypnosis or while being administered a lie detector examination.

Novel took refuge in Ohio after Garrison charged him with conspiracy to commit simple burglary and being a material witness.

IN ANOTHER development

yesterday, the attorney for Dean A. Andrews Jr. subpoenaed two more defense witnesses for Andrews' perjury trial, scheduled tomorrow in Judge Frank J. Shea's court.

Subpenaed were David L. Chandler, 724 Gov. Nichols, a Life magazine reporter; Sam Depino, a reporter for WVUE-TV, and Bernard (Bubba) Pettingill, bail bondsman for the General Bail Bonding Service, 534 S. Broad.

In Baton Rouge yesterday,

Russo claimed the late Ferrie also discussed the assassination of former President Dwight D. Eisenhower and former Mexican President Adolpho Lopez Mateos.

On another front, the Terrebonne Parish Grand Jury will meet Aug. 23 to begin an investigation of charges by Garrison that Novel participated in a burglary of a Houma munitions bunker in 1961.

William Gurchich, former investigative aide to Garrison, has been subpoenaed to appear before the jury. *END*

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## DA Seeks Data for Trial Use

The district attorney's office today subpoenaed the stenographic notes, transcripts and voice recordings of testimony given to the Warren Commission in 1964 by Dean A. Andrews Jr. for use at Andrews' perjury trial, which begins here tomorrow.

A subpoena for the material was filed by Assistant DA James L. Alcock and signed by Criminal District Judge Frank J. Shea, who will preside at the Andrews trial.

The order is being served on Helen Dietrichs, agent for Dietrichs and Pickett Inc., National Bank of Commerce building.

ANDREWS WAS indicted for perjury by the Orleans Parish Grand Jury, which claims he lied when testifying in connection with District Attorney Jim Garrison's probe of the Kennedy assassination.

Judge Shea said today he will select one alternate juror for the five-man jury that will hear the trial. (In the case of five-man juries, decisions

must be unanimous.)

The judge also set down rules governing attendance at the trial by members of the press and the general public.

The rules set down today by Judge Shea are as follows:

1. There will be no cameras beyond the door leading to the third floor of the Criminal Courts Building, where Judge Shea's court is located.

There are no restrictions on photographs elsewhere in the building.

2. During the selection of the jury, there will be no general admission to the

third floor. One representative of the press to be chosen by a pool of various agencies may be present during the selection. No other persons will be admitted.

3. During the trial, one front row bench will be allotted to the press, with seats assigned to one representative from each of the following media: The States-Item, The Times-Picayune, the Louisiana Weekly, The Associated Press, United Press International, WWL - Radio, WWL-TV, WDSU-TV and WVUE-TV.

4. No one will be permitted to enter or leave the court except during official recess

periods. Press members may relieve each other during recesses but no more than one person from each agency may be in court at any one time.

5. Other seating in the court will be assigned to the general public on a first-come, first-served basis. No regular passes will be issued. Anyone who leaves his seat will go to the end of the line if he wishes to be readmitted.

6. No standing in the courtroom and no smoking will be permitted.

7. No one will be permitted past the door to the third floor without clearance of the deputy stationed at the door. *END*

PEOPLE in the News

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Peace Prospects**

Former presidential aide Theodore Sorensen told a Soviet audience today he is "discouraged about the prospects of peace in Vietnam."

Sorensen said he sees no immediate hope of "either side accepting the conditions the other side would insist upon. I see a long period ahead of the kind of situation we're in now."

He spoke to about 60 members of the Institute of Soviet-American Relations, an organization which promotes stronger scientific, cultural and technical ties between the two countries.

Sorensen delivered a one-hour talk on the "Legacy of John F. Kennedy" and answered questions from the audience, all of whom spoke English. Sorensen was an adviser in the Kennedy administration.

He said in answer to one question that New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison is "seeking headlines and politi-

cal publicity" in his investigation of the Kennedy assassination.

"To my knowledge, he has no new facts at all," Sorensen added. One man asked about the "new left" political movement in the United States.

"I must tell you frankly they are going nowhere," Sorensen replied. "I believe the kind of followers Robert Kennedy has represent a better hope for reform." **END**



THEODORE SORENSEN