

# Chandler Gives <sup>11-16-67</sup> 'Limited Data' To Labor Panel

BATON ROUGE (AP)—Newsmen Dave Chandler of Life magazine testified today before the governor's antirackets commission investigating labor and management strife in this area, but his attorney indicated he had little to offer the group.

"His own knowledge was very limited in the area in which he was interrogated," said attorney Cicero Sessions of New Orleans afterward.

SESSIONS WENT into the hearing chamber with Chandler. The writer referred newsmen's questions to his attorney.

Sessions said the questioning was confined to labor and management matters and had nothing to do with crime in general.

He declined to comment on the substance of the questions or persons involved because the questions "involve grand jury inquiries."

Life, in a series of articles on organized crime in Louisiana, said a \$1 million bribe offer was made to Baton Rouge Teamsters official Edward Grady Partin in an alleged attempt to buy former Teamsters President Jimmy Hoffa's way out of prison.

Partin was called to testify later today before the Labor-Management Commission on Inquiry.

Chandler's appearance led to speculation that the commission was expanding its probe to take up the alleged bribe offer.

Asked whether Chandler had been called to testify about the bribe offer or any facet of organized crime, Sessions said, "We don't know. He hasn't been questioned at all by anyone from the commission."

The commission was ordered to investigate whether any violations of state or federal laws occurred during a summer-long labor and management crisis in Baton Rouge.

Partin yesterday called the commission's secret probe a "whitewash," protesting that "I'm the lamb being led to

the cross.

The state Labor-Management Commission of Inquiry is hearing from about 40 witnesses in week-long sessions aimed at determining whether federal or state law was violated in last summer's industrial construction stoppage.

PARTIN, WHOSE testimony in the jury tampering trial of Jimmy Hoffa helped put the former Teamsters president behind bars, said he believed the commission was making him the goat of labor-management troubles.

Partin, business agent for Teamsters local No. 5, objected yesterday to the hearing section.

"If they're not trying to sift out and whitewash, why are they barring you?" he asked newsmen in a corridor.

"I'm going to ask that you be admitted. Since I'm the lamb being led to the cross, I'm going to have witnesses."

Partin said he would file a damage suit against the commission for what he called harassment and intimidation.

# Mom Seeks To Exhume Oswald Body

FORT WORTH, Tex. (AP)—Mrs. Marguerite Oswald, mother of the man the Warren Commission named as President Kennedy's assassin, says she wants to exhume the body of her son.

Lee Harvey Oswald was killed by Jack Ruby in Dallas two days after President Kennedy was shot as he rode in a motorcade. Mrs. Oswald, 60, said she wants Oswald's body examined in the belief that such an examination would discredit portions of the Warren Report.

She told an interviewer at her modest Fort Worth home that the Warren Report contains references to two scars said to be on Oswald's body. One is a slash mark, said to have been self-inflicted, on Oswald's left wrist. Another was listed as a gunshot wound suffered when a gun went off while Oswald was in the Marine Corps.

Mrs. Oswald said she is convinced there are no such scars.

She said she has no idea of how to go about getting Lee Harvey's body exhumed. She said she has earned her living since the assassination, Nov. 22, 1963, by selling Oswald's letters and other personal items. She lives alone with a German Shepherd dog and said she no longer has any contact with her other two sons or her grandchildren.

# Partin Closeted With Rackets Panel 4 Hours

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP)—  
Teamster official Edward  
Grady Partin spent more than  
four hours yesterday in the  
closed hearing of the state anti-  
rackets committee.

Partin, business agent for  
Teamsters Local No. 5, was the  
only witness during the after-  
noon and then returned for  
more than one hour of a night  
session.

He said the Labor-Management  
Commission of Inquiry,  
created by Gov. John McKeithen  
after last summer's tieup of  
industrial construction in the  
Baton Rouge area, indicated it  
may want him to return later.

JAMES H. "Buddy" Gill, official  
of an industrial contractors  
association, entered the commission  
hearing room after Partin  
came out.

Partin said he was asked  
whether he owned an interest in  
a new auto race track south of  
here and "I told them to check  
with the secretary of state."

Partin's attorneys said he declined  
to answer some questions  
on grounds that to do so  
would violate his oath of secrecy  
in grand jury testimony.

PARTIN TOLD of having verbal  
clashes in the secret session  
with chief counsel Camille Gravel  
of the commission, who reportedly  
plans to resign his post.

He said chairman Cecil Morgan  
twice demanded that Gravel  
show the commission what  
his questions had to do with the  
rackets probe.

Partin said he was questioned  
about an alleged attempt to  
bribe him, a claim that he was  
the subject of two assassination  
plots, pending lawsuits against  
him, and Teamster connections  
with a vending machine firm.

"IT WAS more or less on the  
criminal aspects — the things  
that are before the grand jury,"  
Partin said. "It was not on the  
subject of labor and management."

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the closed-door meeting in the  
Senate chamber.

When Chandler emerged from  
the hearing room, his attorney,  
Cicero Sessions of New Orleans,  
said that "his own knowledge  
was very limited in the area in  
which he was interrogated."

THE ATTORNEY said names  
and substance could not be discussed  
because they would get  
into areas being probed by  
grand juries in the state.

Sessions said the commission  
asked Chandler about labor and  
management matters only, and  
nothing concerning crime in  
general.

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organized crime in Louisiana, Life  
Magazine said a \$1 million bribe  
was offered to Partin in an  
alleged attempt to buy freedom  
from prison for James Hoffa,  
former Teamsters president  
convicted of a federal jury tam-  
pering charge. Partin was star  
witness for the prosecution.

# Forum at LSU Backs Probe Of JFK Death

(Special to the States-Item)

BATON ROUGE — New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's Kennedy death probe has received a lopsided vote of confidence from a forum of Louisiana State University students. The vote was 335 to 116.

The students, who packed the Student Union Ballroom, debated the question, "Resolved, That the Garrison Investigation Has Become an Embarrassing Farce."

SPEAKING IN support of the resolution, John M. Norwood, a pre-law student from Franklin, accused the New Orleans DA of parading unreliable witnesses before the public in his probe. "Garrison has used dubious witnesses, made fantastic and unsubstantiated claims and has thoroughly angered everyone concerned," Norwood said.

The law student said he was not questioning so much the need for the investigation but the tactics that have supposedly been used by the DA's investigators.

Defending the probe, Fred Kroenke, a Baton Rouge pre-law student, called for an end of public maligning of the district attorney. "The public in general and the press should allow Garrison to let his case stand or fall in a court of law and stop trying it by word of mouth," he said.

ONE STUDENT in the audience, amid boos and catcalls, attacked Garrison for using publicity in a national magazine and on network television, saying the DA had allowed his investigation "with such high implications, to become nothing more than a street-corner argument."

The student forums are a monthly feature on the Baton Rouge campus, held to debate the pros and cons of topics of current interest. Previous gatherings have given similar lopsided majorities to support for Ku Klux Klan law enforcement in Mississippi and the presidential candidacy of a former Alabama Gov. George Wallace.

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# 'MacBird!' Lacks Subtlety, Polish and Sophistication

By BETTYE ANDING

"MacBird!" a much-debated adaptation of "MacBeth" by Barbara Garson that is now playing off-Broadway in New York, opened here last night at the Players Theater of Le Petit Theatre Du Vieux Carre.

Slated to run through Nov. 19, the offering was warmly received by a capacity opening night audience.

The humor contained in "MacBird!" is not subtle and the play is kind to no one.

**THE STORY IS** that MacBird, assisted by his ambitious wife, Lady MacBird, plotted the death of the "king" of the country, John Ken O'Dunc, in order to gain his throne. In retaliation, the late king's brother, Robert Ken O'Dunc, engineers the downfall of MacBird.

"MacBird!" is, on the whole, a clever idea for a satirical play.

But at times throughout the performance, one wondered if perhaps the idea somehow failed to materialize with the brilliance that might have been achieved.

One could not decide; "MacBird!" certainly was funny enough in spots, but did not achieve the polish and sophistication anticipated.

Miss Garson cleverly parodies Shakespeare lines—from a number of his writings—throughout her script. And the manner in which "Macbeth" lends itself to the humorous adaption is startling throughout the show.

**SHIRL CIEUTAT**, as Lady MacBird, displays most of the acting skill seen on the small Players Theater stage.

Also turning in skillful performances were Jeremy Ward as the Earl of Warren; Al Monlezun Jr., as Wayne of Morse; Mary Margaret McCrea as the White Witch; Bill Garrison as the Black Witch; Curt Cook as the Red Witch; and Art Tetreau in a short appearance as the Egg of Head.

While William Elder Sr., as MacBird, and B. Wesley Abbott Jr., as Robert Ken O'Dunc, were adequate in their

roles, one felt that they threw away many lines which would have carried more meaning had they received a more proper emphasis.

Most important, many lines, which were written in Shakespearean style, were recited as though by meter and not by meaning.

In addition, regional accents were so heavily used by the actors portraying the MacBirds, that one wonders why they were not employed by

those cast as the Ken O'Duncs. It might have added humor to the performance.

While this reviewer fails to see anything especially controversial about "MacBird." (again, it's unkind to everybody), it does appear to be an offering that defies categorizing. *mg*

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