

# MISTAKEN IDENT

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## ITY--BRADLEY

A California broadcaster who District Attorney Jim Garrison charges conspired to kill President John F. Kennedy said today in North Hollywood the whole thing is "probably a case of mistaken identity."

Edgar Eugene Bradley, 49, denied any connection with the assassination. He became yesterday the second man charged by Garrison with participating in an assassination conspiracy, the other being Clay L. Shaw of New Orleans, who faces trial in February.

**BRADLEY SAID TODAY HE BELIEVES** the charge

advising him that a copy of the warrant would be sent by mail.

Asked if he expected Pitchess to apprehend Bradley on the basis of the telephone call, Heyd said:

**"THAT'S UP TO HIM."**

Heyd said Garrison's office had advised him that Bradley lived "in the greater Los Angeles area, that is, North Hollywood."

"He (Bradley) is the one who talked to the news papers," Heyd said.

is a case of mistaken identity because he was questioned by FBI agents about three years ago and was told they were seeking another "Gene Bradley" whose description didn't fit his.

Meanwhile, the DA's office set the legal wheels in motion to have Bradley brought back to New Orleans for prosecution.

An "at large" arrest warrant was issued today for Bradley, and Criminal Sheriff Louis Heyd Jr. said he telephoned Sheriff P. J. Pitchess of Los Angeles County,

if he is arrested, Bradley may either return voluntarily to face the charge or fight extradition. He indicated today he would do the latter.

"If Garrison is going to press trumped-up charges, he'll have to be prepared to prove them," Bradley said.

**ALTHOUGH GARRISON IS IN** Los Angeles, Bradley said the DA has made no effort to contact him.

Bradley said today he was in Texas the day the President was shot to death in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963, but

was in El Paso 621 miles away.

The warrant said bond for Bradley had been set at \$10,000. This will stand unless Criminal District Judge Matthew S. Braniff, to whom the case has been allotted, orders it lowered.

On learning of Garrison's action against him, Bradley said:

"This man is either being highly paid to do this or he's off his rocker."

Bradley told the States-Item today he came to New Orleans for the only time in his life in April of this year.

"We were just passing

through. We had been to see my son who is in college in the South and my wife wanted to see the French Quarter. So we drove back through New Orleans. We didn't even spend the night. We did some sightseeing and went on."

**"WE WENT THROUGH** Dallas, too, on our way home," he said.

Garrison, Bradley said, has not tried to reach him, although he is listed in the North Hollywood phone book.

Bradley has been married for 27 years and has a son, 19, and a daughter, 21.

**ON NOV. 22, 1963,** he said, he was in El Paso returning

home by bus from a visit with his employer, Dr. Carl McIntire, a syndicated radio broadcaster and president of the American Council of Churches, a small, ultra-conservative organization opposed to the National Council of Churches.

Bradley would not say where the meeting with Dr. McIntire took place.

"Certain individuals who have been trying to frame me for five years because I work with Dr. McIntire," he said, might have planted information about him with Garrison. He was recently questioned by an FBI agent, he said.

Bradley said he knows nothing of any plot to kill Kennedy but "I'd like to find the per-

... who did it 'if it wasn't Lee Harvey Oswald."

The Rev. Dr. McIntire issued a statement at his church in Collingswood, N. J., this afternoon, saying, "Garrison's charge is irresponsible, unsupported and wild. We know of no basis for any such accusation against Mr. Bradley, whom we know to be a very fine Christian gentleman."

"The whole development is preposterous. Oswald and Ruby are dead. Garrison, for some weeks, has been talking about a 'right-wing conspiracy.' This attempt to involve us in the assassination plot leads me to call immediately for a full investigation of Mr. Garrison's conduct, and particularly his sources of information, by responsible state officials."

Bradley said McIntire has been described as a right wing broadcaster, but I'm neither a right-wing extremist or a left-wing extremist. I don't belong to a thing and I don't know anything about Garrison or the Kennedy affair."

He said he learned of Garrison's charges when a newspaper called him. Los Angeles law enforcement officials say they have received no warrant or request for Bradley's arrest.

Bradley said he had never met Shaw, Lee Harvey Oswald or Jack Ruby, the man who killed Oswald in Dallas two days after the President was slain.

Garrison gave no background on Bradley when he filed a bill of information in New Orleans making the charge. However, a photo of Bradley was given out with the announcement.

"It looks like a rather recent photo of me but I don't know where they got it," said Bradley, when he saw a transmitted print. "The suit I have on in the picture is only a year or so old."

A BILL OF information is a method of filing a charge which does not involve the grand jury. Garrison used the same method when he first charged Shaw. Later, Shaw

was indicted by the grand jury.

The Shaw indictment charged him with conspiring with Oswald, David William Ferrie and "unnamed others" to kill Kennedy.

The Bradley charge did not name any of the "others" allegedly in on the conspiracy. It said he "did willfully and unlawfully conspire with oth-

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# JFK Plot Laid To Valley Man

NORTH HOLLYWOOD — Edgar Eugene Bradley, who was charged in New Orleans with conspiracy to assassinate President John F. Kennedy, has denied any knowledge of the charges.

Bradley, a 49-year-old representative of an international church council, expressed shock after being informed that the office of New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison had filed charges of conspiracy to kill the late President.

"This man must be nuts," Bradley told newsmen after being contacted in his home at 12208 Emelita St.

Garrison, himself, when located in a bar at the International Hotel here, where he has been staying under an assumed name, refused to talk to newsmen.

#### Arrest Imminent

However, a spokesman in his New Orleans office is quoted as saying that Bradley's arrest was "imminent," and added that Garrison himself was out of the city and "pursuing" Bradley. Los Angeles and North Hollywood detectives said no teletype had been received from New Orleans for the arrest of Bradley.

Capt. Ray Holt, head of the Los Angeles Sheriff's intelligence unit, said Garrison had not contacted his unit or the Los Angeles Police intelligence unit.

The governor's office in Sacramento said no overtures had been received from New Orleans asking for extradition.

Bradley, when questioned in his home, admitted a

photograph Garrison's office released of the man against whom the charges were filed, was a picture of him.

#### Says He's Shocked

However, he said he did not know Garrison or any of the principals in the investigation. He said he had only been in New Orleans once, and that was during a vacation visit last April.

"I'm as shocked as anybody," Bradley said. "No wonder they're saying his (Garrison's) investigation is ridiculous."

He first heard of the charges through a son who received a telephone call from the New York Times.

"I thought it was a big joke," Bradley said.

"Now I realize the seriousness of it . . . and I

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UPI Photo  
EDGAR E. BRADLEY  
... denies charges

know the damage Garrison can do. I know I've never done anything in my life I'm ashamed of."

Bradley said he would like to help find those guilty if Harvey Lee Oswald didn't kill the president.

#### Father of Two

Bradley, the father of two grown children, said he had never been approached by investigators about the assassination, and considered Garrison's charges "an obvious frame."

However, Bradley did tell newsmen he had been questioned "recently" by an officer, who told him he was looking for a man with a similar name.

Bradley said the officer left, "convinced I was not the man."

The North Hollywood man is West Coast representative for Dr. Carl McIntire, president of the International Council of Christian Churches.

McIntire, head of the New Jersey-based church council, is known as a conservative theologian, and has been accused by critics of being strongly right-wing in his political beliefs.

On the day of the assassination of Kennedy, Nov. 22, 1963, Bradley said he was in El Paso, returning home by bus from a business visit with Dr. McIntire.

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**A City Upset**

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## New Orleans and Garrison

New Orleans, La.

Residents of New Orleans are becoming increasingly upset at the activities of their district attorney, Jim Garrison, who last week charged a second man with conspiring to kill President John F. Kennedy.

Garrison received international attention earlier this year when he accused Clay L. Shaw, former president of the International Trade Mart here, with participation in a conspiracy to assassinate the President in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963. Shaw will come to trial in February.

"How many times can Garrison play the fool and get away with it?" a prominent businessman said this week. "I'm surprised he hasn't been knocked down before this. The governor, the courts or the bar association should do something. He

should be disbarred for this. His investigation has definitely hurt the image of New Orleans and we cannot forget it."

"People are getting sick of Garrison," a cab driver said. "They were willing to listen at first but I think if he really had something it would have come out by now."

Earlier this week a meeting of the Young Men's Business Club of Greater New Orleans broke up in uproar when Mark Lane, author of "Rush to Judgment," attacked the Warren Commission report.

Garrison also criticizes the report, which concluded that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone in murdering Kennedy.

But if many people feel that Garrison is embarrassing New Orleans, some continue to believe that he might have something.

"A lot of people here want to believe Garrison," said a young lawyer. "They don't want to accept the fact that President Kennedy could have been shot by one man."

Garrison has many friends here and a reputation as something of a crusader, particularly for his regular raids on Bourbon street strip joints that never fail to win headlines.

As one labor leader put it: "I like Jim, and if he's wrong, they've got to prove

him wrong, and I don't think they've done it yet."

An architect said: "If Garrison's charges are untrue, it is the height of irresponsibility because he has hurt many people. But it is incredible to me that the Supreme Court and FBI would close a case like this when there appear to be so many holes in it. Garrison might not have the answer, but somehow he seems to have raised some interesting questions."

A number of businessmen and political figures are privately critical of Louisiana Governor John J. McKeithen for not having denounced Garrison. They also resent the position of Senator Russell B. Long (Dem-Ala.), who has been one of Garrison's leading supporters and helped raise a fund from local businessmen to finance his investigation.

If the District Attorney is still a popular topic of conversation in New Orleans, the novelty and shock of his original charges appear to be starting to fade.

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