

GARRISON HERE ON CASE

N. Hollywood Man Accused in Assassination of Kennedy

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New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's investigation into the assassination of President John F. Kennedy took one of its most curious turns Wednesday while focusing on a North Hollywood man.

The development had three facets:

1—In New Orleans, his office announced that Garrison had filed charges of conspiracy to kill Mr. Kennedy against Edgar Eugene Bradley.

Bradley's arrest is "imminent," a Garrison spokesman said, and he added that the towering district attorney himself was out of the city pursuing Bradley.

2—An hour later, The Times found Garrison in a bar at the International Hotel here, where Garrison has been registered under an assumed name. The controversial prosecutor declined comment on any aspect of the matter.

'Not Going to Tell a Thing'

"I'm not going to tell The Times a ... thing," he told a reporter.

3—Fifteen miles away in his North Hollywood home, Edgar Eugene Bradley, 49, West Coast representative for the head of an international church council, said: "This man must be nuts."

Bradley said he did not know Garrison or any of the principals in the investigation, had never been approached by investigators about the assassination and considered Garrison's charges "an obvious frame."

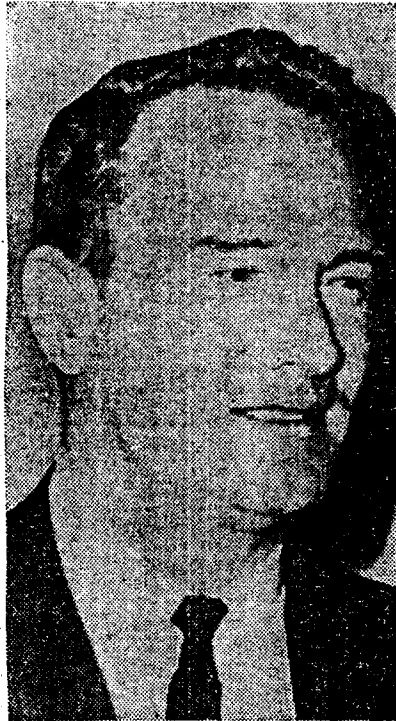
Bradley, the father of two grown children, said that the photograph Garrison's office released of the man against whom charges were filed was, indeed, a picture of him.

Sums Up His Reaction

Bradley, a West Coast representative for Dr. Carl McIntire, president of the International Council of Christian Churches, summed up his reaction to the charges by saying:

"I'm as shocked as anybody—no wonder they've been saying his investigation is ridiculous."

He said he does not have the



Edgar Eugene Bradley
AP Wirephoto

slightest idea where Garrison had obtained his photograph.

Bradley added that he had visited New Orleans, the city upon which Garrison's investigation has centered, only once: "My wife and I went through there on vacation the first part of April this year."

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

Second Charged in Probe

Bradley, 12208 Emilita St., is the second person to be charged by Garrison with conspiracy to assassinate Mr. Kennedy.

Clay L. Shaw, 54, former managing director of New Orleans' Trade Mart, was named in a similar charge last March. He pleaded innocent and tentatively is scheduled to be tried in February.

Garrison said at the time of Shaw's arrest that other arrests would be forthcoming.

Garrison's investigation has re-

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voiced around his theory that a shadowy group including homosexuals, anti-Castro Cubans and CIA-oriented conspirators conspired in New Orleans in 1963 to kill Mr. Kennedy.

Bradley has a wife, a son, 19, and a daughter, 21. He scoffed at a report he was with the OSS in World War II and had CIA connections.

Bradley, who was informed of the charge against him just before a prayer meeting was to begin in his home, said an FBI agent had questioned him "recently."

He said the agent told him he was looking for a man with a similar name and thought the agent had indicated the man he sought was "on the 10 most wanted list."

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

Garrison, during the last two months, has been in and out of Los Angeles, registering under assumed names at hotels.

Uses Other Name

Upon his arrival here to make a speech in November, he signed the Century Plaza register as "Claude Culpepper." He was registered at the International Hotel near the airport as "Clyde Ballou."

William Boxley, an investigator, accompanied the New Orleans prosecutor here.

Capt. Ray Holt, head of the Los Angeles County sheriff's intelligence unit, said Garrison had made no attempt to consult his unit or LAPD intelligence about Bradley, the normal procedure for out-of-state officers seeking to make an arrest in this jurisdiction.

The governor's office in Sacramento reported that Garrison had made no extradition overtures to it.

Bradley, dark-haired and of medium height and build, said "certain individuals who have been trying to frame me for five years because I work with Dr. McIntire" might have "planted" information about him with Garrison. The New Jersey-based

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RELAXING — New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison takes his ease at International Hotel. It was learned he is here seeking a North Hollywood man accused of role in the assassination of John F. Kennedy.

church council head is widely known for his radio broadcast, carried, said Bradley, over more than 600 stations nationally.

McIntire is an ardently conservative theologian, often accused by critics of being a fierce right-winger. He frequently has attacked the National Council of Churches, claiming it is "used" by Communists. He has described the United Nation as "a center for Communist espionage."

The charge against Bradley was contained in a bill of information, as was the original accusation against Shaw 10 months ago. Shaw later was indicted, as well.

Name Not in Probe

"Like Clay Shaw," said Garrison's statement released in New Orleans Wednesday, "Mr. Bradley's name did not come up in the federal 'investigation' of the assassination nor is his name mentioned anywhere in the 26 volumes of the Warren Report 'inquiry' into the case."

The Warren Commission

found that Lee Harvey Oswald alone was responsible for the assassination in Dallas four years ago.

Garrison's office in New Orleans also declined to comment on the charge against Bradley. The bill of information bore neither his age nor address, only his name.

"The reason for the secrecy," said Louis Ivon, Garrison's chief investigator, "is that Mr. Garrison is still trying to locate Bradley." *end*

Bradley Arrest Set After Yule Holiday

Edgar Eugene Bradley, the man District Attorney Jim Garrison says conspired to kill President John F. Kennedy, faces arrest the day after Christmas.

A spokesman for the Los Angeles sheriff's office said today action against Bradley probably will be delayed until Tuesday.

A warrant for his arrest was

issued yesterday in New Orleans, and the sheriff's office said it could arrive any time.

BRADLEY, 49, West Coast representative of a radio evan-

gelist, has denied having anything to do with the slaying of the President, who was shot down in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963.

Bradley said yesterday he will surrender at any time requested. Bond on the charge has been set at \$10,000. He has indicated that he will fight extradition to Louisiana.

When the warrant arrives from New Orleans, the sheriff's office said, Sheriff Peter J. Pitchess will consult with the L. A. district attorney and determine what course to take.

"IF WE EVEN receive any knowledge that a felony exists, we have practically no choice but to make an arrest," the spokesman said. But he added it will probably come after the holiday weekend.

Because of the nature of the case, sheriff's officers asked the DA's office to issue a local fugitive warrant for Bradley. The DA's office said the fugitive papers probably would not be completed before early next week.

Garrison, after staying in a Los Angeles hotel under the name of Clyde Ballou, flew home to New Orleans last night. He told newsmen that federal agents know Bradley was in Dallas and know what he was doing at the time of the assassination.

BRADLEY SAID he was 621 miles away in El Paso, Tex., when he learned of the President's death. He said he was returning home by bus from a visit with his employer, the Rev. Carl McIntire of Collingswood, N. J.

Bradley is charged with criminal conspiracy to commit murder in a warrant

signed by CRIMINAL DISTRICT Judge Matthew S. Braniff.

The North Hollywood, Calif., broadcaster said yesterday the entire matter "is probably a case of mistaken identity."

HE SAID THE FBI questioned him about three years ago and at the end of the interview he was told that the agents were seeking "another Gene Bradley" who did not fit his description.

But Garrison told newsmen in Los Angeles "Our evidence indicates that he was in Dallas" the day of the assassination. "Furthermore, I think I can say with assurance that the federal government and federal investigative agencies and the Dallas investigative agencies know he was in Dallas, and know precisely what he was doing."

Dr. McIntire, president of the small, conservative American Council of Churches, labeled the charge against Bradley "irresponsible, unsupported and wild," and called for an investigation of the DA's conduct and sources of information. The ACC has no connection with the National Council of Churches, which it opposes.

BRADLEY SELLS Dr. McIntire's taped radio broadcasts to West Coast stations

and does some broadcasting himself. He said his main problem will be financing his defense. His income, he said, is modest.

A native of Arkansas, Bradley said he came to L. A. in 1936 after serving with the U.S. Navy, and worked with a moving firm until about 1961, when he joined Dr. McIntire.

Standing five feet, eight inches tall, the suspect has dark hair except for some gray at the temples. He and his wife, Connie, a receptionist, have a son, 19, and a daughter, 21.

Bradley joins Clay L. Shaw of New Orleans as the only man charged by Garrison so far with directly conspiring to kill the President. Shaw faces trial in February.

Garrison told newsmen yesterday no more arrests are

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Garrison Back Home; Bradley Remains Free

Jim Garrison was back home in New Orleans Friday, and the man the controversial district attorney pursued here and charged with plotting the assassination of President John F. Kennedy remained free.

Edgar Eugene Bradley, 49, apparently will not be arrested—as requested by Garrison's office—until after the Christmas holiday.

Garrison returned Thursday night to New Orleans after spending several days under an assumed name at the International Hotel, about 15 miles from Bradley's North Hollywood home.

He did not venture near the Bradley home, nor did he personally ask help from local law enforcement officials or inform them of his presence here.

The sheriff's office here set in motion paperwork to comply with the "immediate arrest" request received Thursday from New Orleans.