

# L.A. Man Wanted by Garrison Turns Self In to Sheriff Here

Bradley Greeted Genially by Pitchess as He Surrenders  
on Warrant Accusing Him of Assassination Conspiracy

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The North Hollywood man accused by New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison of conspiring in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy turned himself in to Sheriff Peter J. Pitchess personally Wednesday.

The surrender scene in Pitchess' office was less reminiscent of the dark days in Dallas four years ago than a Toastmasters' regional convention.

Amid whirring television cameras and wall-to-wall newsmen, the sheriff genially shook hands with Edgar Eugene Bradley, 49, also smiling and amiable.

Then, before Bradley was arraigned on a fugitive complaint and released on his own recognizance, the sheriff and his lawyer and he took turns complimenting one another.

"I appreciate your making this as convenient as you have," the sheriff told Bradley. By surrendering, Pitchess noted, "you have saved the taxpayers quite a bit of money."

## Reminder of Bradley's Call

The sheriff reminded the overflow assemblage that, after New Orleans issued an immediate arrest warrant

last Thursday, Bradley had telephoned assurance he would be available for arrest at Pitchess' convenience.

For his part, Bradley told the sheriff he "appreciated the trust and confidence you have shown. Believe me, I don't have a thing to hide."

There were more smiles all around.

The sheriff noted that the attractive blonde daughter of Bradley's lawyer, George J. Jensen, a longtime friend, was present as a spectator, and he digressed to remark that he had watched her grow through the years from a small girl into charming young womanhood.

More to the point was her father.

Jensen told newsmen that he already had asked Gov. Reagan's legal affairs secretary, Edwin Meese III, for "a full-fledged extradition hearing on the presumption Louisiana's chief executive would file papers shortly requesting Bradley's presence in New Orleans for prosecution."

Jensen, an ex-FBI agent, reaffirmed his client's intention to fight extradition, and said he hoped the trial of Clay Shaw might be held before there is a Sacramento hear-

ing on the matter.

Shaw, New Orleans civic leader and the only other person charged thus far by Garrison as a conspirator, is scheduled to go on trial Feb. 14.

In Sacramento, Meese confirmed that Jensen, a Beverly Hills lawyer, had requested the hearing, and he said: "We grant a hearing in every extradition case where it is requested . . . It is not held on the facts of the case, but on legal grounds for opposition (to extradition)."

After his surrender to Pitchess, the compact, sandy-haired Bradley was whisked by elevator to the seventh floor in the Hall of Justice for arraignment before Municipal Judge David J. Aisenson.

Jensen read a list of Southern California residents he said would attest to the high repute of Bradley, western representative for a nationally known radio evangelist, Dr. Carl McIntire.

Judge Aisenson then ordered Bradley booked on the fugitive warrant but released without posting bond because of his "sufficient standing in the community to guarantee his return" to the court on Jan. 29.

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**FRIENDLY SURRENDER**—Edgar Eugene Bradley, in center, sought by New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison, is flanked by his attorney, George

J. Jensen, on the left, and Sheriff Peter J. Pitchess as he surrenders peacefully to the sheriff before a battery of newsmen in the Hall of Justice.

## California and the Garrison 'Circus'

For the first time a California citizen has become involved in the weird conspiracy plot which New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison claims he has uncovered in the assassination of President Kennedy.

Edgar Eugene Bradley of North Hollywood, charged with conspiracy in the slaying, has been arraigned here on a fugitive complaint. This opens the way for the governor of Louisiana to initiate proceedings for his extradition.

Normally that is a fairly routine action, with the decision of the governor of California to grant extradition hinging solely on the legal sufficiency of the papers presented to him.

But in this instance, neither the governor of Louisiana nor the governor of California should act routinely.

There could be no graver charge than that lodged against Bradley. But the performance of Garrison throughout his entire investigation of the case has been so bizarre as to raise a question whether it should in fact be taken seriously.

Many prominent prosecutors are skeptical of the evidence Garrison purports to have concerning the assassination plot. The Metropolitan Crime Commission of New Orleans has called for an inquiry into his conduct.

Although Los Angeles authorities issued

the complaint, they did not issue an arrest warrant, and Bradley was permitted to go into court under his own power. The New Orleans court set bail at \$10,000, but the local court released Bradley on his own recognizance without bail pending an extradition hearing.

That may just possibly be taken as an indication of how local authorities view Garrison's case.

Under the circumstances, the governor of Louisiana must assure himself that there is indeed good and sufficient reason to request extradition. The state of Louisiana should not permit itself to become involved unless it is convinced there is some validity to the actions of the New Orleans district attorney.

If Louisiana makes an affirmative decision in that regard, it then becomes the responsibility of the governor of California to make certain that justice would best be served by granting extradition.

~~Obviously Garrison's entire case cannot~~ be tried in California, but there must be a positive showing that he does have the basis of one, backed by firm evidence.

No man, regardless of his background, should be railroaded to another jurisdiction simply to satisfy the whim of a headline-hunting district attorney.

California must have solid assurance it is not participating in a circus. *END*

