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NEW ORLEANS' DA Jim Garrison has threatened to pack off his New Orleans court to Texas—judge, jury, bailiff and all—to take the testimony of ex-Gov. John Connally in the controversial Clay Shaw trial. Connally has refused to go to Louisiana to testify. . . Louisiana Sen. Russell Long has taken up personally with Sen. Ted Kennedy Garrison's request for the suppressed pictures taken of his martyred brother at the autopsy. Kennedy said the pictures merely showed his brother's bullet-blasted body. Long explained that the pictures were necessary, among other purposes, to prove in court that the murder had been committed. . . Spiro Agnew, eager to make good as vice-president, is trying to memorize the name and face of every Senator. To assist him, he takes a layout of the Senate seating to the rostrum with him when he presides.

Contacted by the State-Item, Sen. Long would neither confirm nor deny Pearson's report, saying he had not yet read it. He said he may have a statement on it later.

Sen. Long said the attitude of the Kennedy family is that the autopsy pictures were available to the Warren Commission, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and a selected group of pathologists.

The only basis for the family's continued refusal to permit the photos to be used in court "is that they think what Garrison is doing is a farce," Long said.

The senator added:  
 "I personally don't think that anybody has the right to withhold evidence about the assassination of President Kennedy, and it's very clear here that evidence is being withheld. The situation speaks for itself." *gnf*