

GARRISON CRITICS FAIL TO SWAY JURY

Panel Holds Investigation of
Assassination Inquiry

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An Orleans Parish grand jury heard testimony today from outspoken critics of District Attorney Jim Garrison, but remained unshaken in its belief that a conspiracy may have led to the assassination of President Kennedy.

"We have heard no evidence that would confirm the allegations made by the critics of Mr. Garrison's office," said Albert V. LaBiche, the grand jury foreman. Mr. LaBiche said, however, that the inquiry would continue "at a later date."

Among the critics who appeared before the grand jury was William Gurvich, who until this week was one of Mr. Garrison's key investigators.

Mr. Gurvich contended that Mr. Garrison's office was guilty of "misconduct and malfeasance" in its efforts to prove that a conspiracy led to President Kennedy's death.

The grand jury also heard testimony from Dean A. Andrews Jr., a New Orleans lawyer who contends Mr. Garrison was wrong in arresting Clay L. Shaw, a New Orleans businessman, on charges of being involved in the alleged conspiracy.

Mr. Andrews said that Clay Shaw, a businessman here—was not the mysterious New Orleans figure known as "Clay Bertrand," as alleged by Mr. Garrison. Instead, he told the press on his way into the grand jury room, the "real Clay Bertrand" is a New Orleans bar owner.

Later he was quoted by the

National Broadcasting Company as identifying the bar owner as Eugene C. Davis. Mr. Davis could not be reached for comment, but also testified before the grand jury today.

Statements Recalled

It was Mr. Andrews who aroused Mr. Garrison's interest in the man named "Clay Bertrand" in testimony given the Warren Commission in 1964. In interviews with commission investigators, Mr. Andrews first asserted, then denied, then reasserted that a man named "Clay Bertrand" once sent Lee Harvey Oswald to his law office with a legal problem.

Mr. Garrison accused Clay Shaw of being Clay Bertrand and succeeded in having three judges and the grand jury bind him over for trial on charges of conspiring with Oswald to commit the assassination. The Warren Commission concluded that Lee Harvey Oswald killed President Kennedy alone and unaided and without being part of any conspiracy.

"Clay Shaw is not, never has been, never will be, and cannot be Clay Bertrand," said Mr. Andrews, who was indicted for perjury earlier this year by the same grand jury that heard him testify again today.

"The man I believe to be Clay Bertrand is Eugene C. Davis," Mr. Andrews told the National Broadcasting Company and newsmen outside the grand jury room.

Mr. Gurvich told newsmen before entering the grand jury room that Mr. Andrews had told the district attorney "several months ago" that Clay Shaw was not "Clay Bertrand," but that Mr. Garrison has consistently refused to drop charges against Mr. Shaw.

When asked why it was, in his opinion, that Mr. Garrison had not acted on Mr. Andrew's information, Mr. Gurvich replied: "Because he is an unmitigated liar and a psychopathic paranoid"

"He is nuts," he added. "He's

a paranoid and needs mental help."

The grand jury heard evidence, too, from Aaron Kohn, director of the Metropolitan Crime Commission, and Ed Planer, news director for television station WTSU. Mr. Kohn contends that Mr. Garrison's investigation should itself be investigated by the Louisiana Attorney General, Jack Gremillion.

Mr. Planer was instrumental in the preparation of a National Broadcasting Company program that quoted several people as saying they had been offered money or special concessions by the district attorney's office in return for testimony.

The grand jury's inquiry today into the conduct of Mr. Garrison's investigation appeared to have been directed by members of Mr. Garrison's staff. They were seen entering and leaving the grand jury room at several points during the 12½-hour session.