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- 1 NYT: Book on Kennedy sees a wide plot; origin of French bestseller remains mystery
- 1 "Farewell America" by "James Hepburn," mentions Rene Lamarre, says rejected US publishers
- 1 NOSI: Ruby book, "mystery man" offer reported (vestpocket booklet, found false ceiling)
- 2 NYP: Coast inquiry links CIA to 5 bombings in Los Angeles, by Cuban exiles
- 2 Mid.Mirror: Editorial—Garrison, Boxley, Some Critics and the Perrin Rich case
- 2 NOSI: Democratic coalition backs EMK against Russell Long
- 3 NYP: Spring trial sought in Nixon "plot" case
- 3 NYP, L.Lyons: Critics Fensterwald, Popkin, Turner and Flammonde meet re Shaw trial
- 3 NOSI: Hoffa charges U.S. used illegal bugging, hid data
- 3 " Garrison named to board of directors of national committee to investigate assassinations
- 3 " Ted Kennedy ousts Long as No. 2 Senator; Long says RFK backers helped Ted
- 3 NYT: Item on Fensterwald Committee (Assassination unit hints at conspiracy)
- 3 LAFP: CIA sponsored bombings
- 3 " James Earl Ray revisited (voices misgivings re Wm Bradford Huie, gullibility)
- 3 TIME: Article on Gay Talese book on N.Y. Times; on Gloria Steinem; on Pueblo
- 4 NOSI: Murder plot reported, detectives protect Judge Gertler, mayoral candidate
- 6 NYP: ~~Sirhan~~ trial tomorrow in a courtroom fortress
- 6 " Havana film a "requiem for LBJ," L/MLKing, B/Bobby Kennedy, J/JFK, accuses guilt 3
- 6 " Daily Magazine: First of series of articles "Sirhan Sirhan; R.K.'s Accused Assassin"
- 6 NOSI: Shaw again presses for change of venue; discusses subpoena of autopsy photos, X-rays
- 6 " Sirhan trial begins tomorrow, 200 witnesses expected
- 7 NYT: Articles on ~~Sirhan~~ trial, Mary Sirhan; Editorial, "The Sirhan Trial"
- 7 " Ramsey Clark on Wiretapping, Integration guidelines
- 7 NOTP: Shaw motions will be heard; change of venue, voiding of charge, topics
- 7 " Fred Leemans says bribe story was a lie, he was coerced into false accusations
- 7 NOSI: ~~Sirhan~~ trial delay turned down; Sirhan in court
- 7 " Police Supt. Giarrusso says "plot" to murder Judge Gertler a hoax, escapee lied
- 8 NYP: Quiz Harvard men in co-ed slaying of Jane Britton
- 8 " Sirhan trial 2nd day; part III of "Sirhan Sirhan"
- 8 NYT: Courtroom tense as Sirhan murder trial opens
- 8 NYT: By Walter Sullivan—UFO Finding: No visits from afar—on Condon report
- 8 NOSI: Sirhan attack on indictment due at trial
- 8 " Aaron Kohn says his office was site of meeting between Fred Leemans/W.Sheridan
- 9 NYT: ~~Sirhan~~ loses bid for a new trial delay. Book quotes Gene McCarthy on RFK violation of promise. Grove Press makes bid for SEP. 2 FBI agents slain.
- 9 NYP: New try to block Sirhan trial. Magazine: Part IV on Sirhan/politics, religion
- 9 NOSI: Sirhan counsel to attack indictment. Item on Condon UFO report.
- 9 NOSI: Shaw attorneys subpoena Garrison, one assistant, two TV newsmen. Grand jury today called in Jefferson Biddison, said be close friend of Shaw.

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- 10 NBC radio: Discussion of "The Kennedy Conspiracy" by Paris Flammonde, Pohl, Dr. H. Miller
- 10 NYT: Items on SEP, Condon Report, murder of co-ed Cambridge; 3rd FBI man at slaying Sirhan trial adjourns until Monday 1/13/69
- 10 NYP: Court OKs bid for photos of JFK autopsy; Rhoads told to show cause why Garrison should not have access to the photos, X-rays; order issued by Judge Chas. Halleck
- 10 NYP: The Sirhan Trial: Jury Next?
- 10 NOSI: Shaw trial shift ruling due Monday; Garrison scheduled appear as witness in court today but Alcock said he was ill, Alcock testified instead, was asked re TV interview in which he mentioned autopsy photos
- 10 NOSI: Oswald's mother files libel suits for \$5 million each against Ford, Bishop, Stephen White and CBS, Breslia and Manchester
- 10 LIFE Special Issue on events 1968, includes RFK and MLK assassinations
- 10 TIME: Feature on the judges for Sirhan; James Earl Ray. Upheaval on the Hill, re: EMK
- 11 NOSI: Scale models may be used at Sirhan trial; Drew Pearson on Richard Russell & Vietnam
- 13 NYP: Sirhan's mother asks forgiveness. Police check new clue in co-ed's murder. Closeup of Judge Walker, Sirhan trial
- 13 NOSI: Banner headline--11 Witnesses Called; Shaw Trial Cleared. Photos of Fatter, Frank Hayward, Regis Kennedy, Connie T. Kaye, Vernon Bundy, John Reilly, Russo. Among witnesses summoned, Lewis E. Hopkins; Charles Davis; Ray Hiatt.
- 13 NOSI: Lawyer for Sirhan, Grant Cooper, says he does not deny shooting
- 13 NEWSWEEK: Items "Teddy cracks the whip"; Sirhan trial, discusses witnesses/evidence; Also items on 1871 arsenic murder in North Pole; Balanchine/Farrell
- 14 NOSI: Garrison will not head Shaw trial; Alcock says DA will make rare, intermittent appearances in the courtroom, Alcock will serve as chief counsel asst'd by Schiambra, Oser, and Alford; announces grand jury inquiry into complaints of witnesses that newsmen and Gurvich have been questioning them
- 14 NYP: Sirhan and the death penalty. Authorities study security set-up for James Earl Ray
- 15 NYP: Items on Sirhan (smiles as jury work goes on); parole of Morton Sobell
- 15 NOSI: 7 more subpoenaed for Shaw trial; DA calls Habighorst; Girod Ray; Martello, other cops Item on Sirhan; Joe Alsop on EMK vs Muskie
- 16 NYP: Death penalty foe shakes Sirhan trial. Items on Cambridge co-ed murder; SEP
- 16 NOSI: Sirhan judge facing dilemma over potential juror
- 16 NOSI: Kellerman, Shaneyfelt, Frazier subpoenaed by DA for Shaw trial; Marina to be called Defense subpoenas 13 witnesses, including Gurvich, Beauboeuf, Exnicios, Quiroga, Garners, Matt Herron, Giarrusso, Roy Jacob, James Kemp
- 17 NYT: Inquiry upholds WR; Finds autopsy photos show 2 shots killed JFK. UPI despatch dateline Washington D.C. 1/16/69 (Filed under "Autopsy photos and X-rays")
- 17 NYT: Foe of death penalty stirs debate at Sirhan trial
- 17 NYP: Garrison hits U.S. report on JFK autopsy; Alcock questions expertise of 4 doctors
- 17 NYP: Religion enters Sirhan trial. Abernathy--"No Vengeance," says MLK killer should be spared execution
- 17 NOSI: Would testify if called to Shaw trial, Marina says

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- 17 NOSI: (Banner headline) DA asks Shaw case delay; U.S. data "must" for trial. Hearing Monday on postponement request. Alcock says at news conference there can be no trial if federal gov't blocks attempts get evidence. In Wash.D.C. today Federal judge gave Garrison 2 weeks to decide whether to present evidence to warrant his ordering release of autopsy photos; Numa Bertel balked, though Halleck said wanted "just enough evidence to warrant releasing the documents." (Gives text Alcock statement "no trial")
- 17 LIFE: Sirhan in jail--an exclusive interview and pictures
- 18 NYT: by Fred Graham. A U.S. judge denies Kennedy photos to Garrison. But Halleck says he would reconsider if Garrison could produce evidence it was not a fishing expedition. Judge denies H. Weisberg request to be heard as friend of the court. Item by M. Waldron, dateline New Orleans: Trial delay asked; story on Alcock press statement "no trial" (Clipping of Graham/Waldron stories filed Autopsy Photos, X-rays)
- 18 Kansas City Times: Sues for Kennedy Autopsy Exhibits; U of K Medical Center Pathologist says findings really are public records; Hearing in U.S. Court; Dr. John M. Nichols asserts in petition that he has been denied a look
- 18 NYT: Judge orders public defender to prepare Ray trial.
- 18 NYT: Judge upholds jury challenge in Sirhan trial
- 18 NOSI: Sen. Edward M. Kennedy's life threatened
- 18 NOSI: State ok's 11 Sirhan jurors; trial could start Tuesday; defense studies panel
- 18 NOSI: Shaw trial fate remains cloudy; Garrison, who only a month ago said nothing could stop case from trial, yesterday filed petition for indefinite delay
- 20 NYT: Sirhan lawyers study tentative jury panel
- 20 NYT: Aide to MLK, Rev. James L. Bevel, says Ray not guilty, has evidence to free him
- 20 NOSI: D.A. drops Shaw trial delay move; Garrison's office in surprise action today withdrew motion to delay trial
- 21 NYT: Garrison staff ready to try Shaw; apparently stunned by criticism for seeking delay DA assts reversed themselves; had been speculation that delay indicated no solid evidence
- 21 NYT: List of books published today includes Flammonde's "The K Conspiracy"
- 21 NYT: TV column on inauguration coverages, criticizes Dan Rather for ID of Clint Hill
- 21 NYP: Close-up of Los Angeles prosecutor, Deputy DA David Fitts, in Sirhan trial
- 21 NYP: Clay Shaw goes on trial; mentions autopsy photos X-rays
- 21 NOSI: DA's Shaw case outlined as trial commences; Alcock lists 6 points including allegation Oswald took alleged murder rifle to Book Depository
- 22 NYT: Shaw conspiracy trial opens; 2 jurors chosen; by Martin Waldron; says, "Also on trial to some extent is Mr. Garrison who has contended that the CIA concealed the conspiracy..."
- 22 NYT: Foreman visits Ray in jail
- 22 NYT: A maneuver ends at Sirhan trial; 2 sides return to jury selection
- 22 NYP: Restless start for Shaw trial; Garrison in courtroom listening for 40 minutes, left
- 22 NOSI: Schoolteacher chosen as 3rd Shaw juror; defense subpoenas Ruth Paine, Exnicios, Moffett
- 22 NOSI: Shaw case--Here are names to remember (identifies cast of characters)
- 22 NOSI: Judge O'Hara dismisses bribery charges against Steven Plotkin and S. Krasnoff in Robert Blanchard case (manslaughter, baby-sitter)
- 22 NOSI: Foreman visits Ray, declines to say if in connection with Bevel telegram saying Ray innocent, offering to help

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- 23 NYP: A day in Sirhan's trial; The Clay Shaw Jury: A matter of choice; item on Flammonde
- 23 MM: Editorials on--Another threat for Roger Craig; Strange death of Perrin or somebody, defends Boxley vs Salandria/Weisberg
- 23 NOSI: DA calls 6 out of State witnesses (Dr. Shaw, Altgens, Meyer Goldberg, Hargis, BJ Martin)
- 24 NYT: Items on assassination attempt, Soviet astronauts; item on LBJ vs Ramsey Clark, Wirtz...)
- 24 NYT: Abernathy vouches for judgment and integrity of Rev. James Bevel, who says Ray innocent
- 24 NOSI: Sandra Moffett McMains afraid, hiding, per Clay Shaw lawyer; Shaneyfelt to testify
- 24 NOSI: Top King aide to defend Ray; SCLC approves; item deals with James Bevel and J.E. Ray
- 24 LAFFP: Garrison vindicated in affidavit by Fred H. Leemans disavowing NBC charges vs DA
- 25 NOSI: Bevel refused in attempt help defend James Earl Ray; rejected because not a lawyer
- 25 NOSI: 3-hour session fails to add jurors; Shaw trial resumes Monday 1/27/69
- 25 NYP: Item on Conor Cruise O'Brien play implicating SG in Lumumba assassination
- 25 NYT: Judge says Bevel cannot defend Ray; Bevel says could prove in 30 minutes Ray innocent
- 25 NYT: 12 jurors selected for Sirhan trial; Sirhan pleased
- 25 Copy of "Farewell America" by "James Hepburn" arrives (SM)
- 26 NYT: Garrison's Case: At long last, the Shaw trial--by Martin Waldron
- 27 NYP: Cartoon by Herblock pictures Garrison on stage, Show must go on...and on...and on
Obituary for Charles P. Howard, 74, UN correspondent, died 1/25/69 Baltimore brief illness
- 27 NOSI: Police baffled by murder of professor, brother of Mrs. Nicholas Chetta
- 27 NOSI: Shaw juror excused, 7 left on panel; juror says he has faith in Warren Commission
- 28 WIN Magazine (War Resisters League) "The Conspirators" by Sandy Hochsberg, Jim Valliere
(Filed with periodicals)
- 28 NOSI: Clues are few in murder of Henry Delaune, brother of Mrs. Chetta
- 28 NOSI: 9th, 10th jurors sworn at Shaw trial; Dymond and Alcock clash on WR relevancy
Haggerty upholds Alcock claim that WR is irrelevant
- 29 NYP: Abernathy says he knows nothing that would acquit James Earl Ray, Bevel not speaking
for SCLC; cites rumors from black leaders in Memphis, negro policemen, fireman pulled out
- 29 NOSI: Gov. Connally will not appear voluntarily; Alcock says may or may not delve into
events at Dealey Plaza; but subpoenas for Connally, Kellerman, Shaneyfelt, and Robert Frazier
suggest Garrison in effort intends put WR on trial
- 29 NOSI: Sirhan lawyer seeks to quash indictment
- 30 NOSI: DA renews bid for JFK autopsy photos; Bertel says pleadings will be filed tomorrow
- 30 NOSI: Allen Dulles ex-chief CIA dies at 75; Sirhan jury excused until next week
- 31 NOSI: DA asks D.C. Court to hear WR critics Drs. Robert Forman, Cyril Wecht
- 31 NOSI: Drew Pearson on Nat'l Commission on Violence--assassins below average height, etc.
- 31 NYT: Items on death Allen Dulles; Violence Commission; Sirhan and mother will testify
next week; Shaw jury one short; item on Ramparts (to continue); ad for Flammonde book;
Item on Pachachi
- 31 NYP: Item on LBJ and memorial for RFK

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GARRISON CHRONOLOGY

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- 1 Washington judge presses Garrison for data on "plot:" Judge Charles Halleck orders Garrison say if JFK death resulted from conspiracy involving Shaw before ruling on request for autopsy photos and X-rays. Vain attempt qualify 12th juror.
- 1 Speedup in trial of Shaw expected; Judge Haggerty hopes break logjam on jury selection. Judge Halleck in Washington gave Garrison until Wednesday (2/5/69) to say if will tie Shaw to death of JFK, before ruling on autopsy photos/X-rays.
- 3 2 alternates needed for Shaw jury; Halleck gives Garrison Wednesday deadline; Connallys to testify for prosecution
- 3 Garrison to open Shaw trial for State. In court today for 1st time was Mark Lane; he sat at prosecution table, conferred with Alvin Oser. In calling Connallys, Garrison indicated he intends to put WR on trial.
- 4 Shaw trial in 3rd week with 1 juror to go. Defense asks protective order for Sandra Moffett McMaines, who denied attending party with Russo.
- 4 Gremillion denies writing LL&T mystery letter.
- 4 Jury quest continues, 1 needed in Shaw trial. DA today issued subpoena for Zapruder film. Mrs. McMaines asks Judge Haggerty grant immunity, says she afraid of Garrison.
- 5 Clay Shaw's judge and his "mixed opinions," by Carl J. Pelleck. In exclusive interview with NY Post, Haggerty says he has mixed opinion on Garrison conspiracy charges.
- 5 Drew Pearson: Garrison threatens take judge and jury to Texas to hear Connally, who refuses go to Louisiana to testify. Sen. Russell Long personally pressed EMK on Garrison's request for autopsy photos. Long told States-Item that Kennedys are withholding autopsy photos from Garrison because they think what he is doing a farce.
- 5 Shaw jury is completed; panel okay ends 14 days of selection; trial proceeds tomorrow. Judge will rule on Mrs. McMaines tomorrow and on 2 motions re tape recording held by Hugh Exnicios which defense claims show attempt by Garrison aides bribe and threaten Alvin Beau boeuf. In Washington Judge Halleck postpones hearing to 2/14/69 on photos, X-rays.
- 6 WR on trial also, Garrison indicates, in opening statement. Dymond in his statement says no desire defend WC but will prove Shaw never laid eyes on Oswald or Ferrie, will discredit Russo completely. Haggerty refuses grant immunity to Mrs. McMaines. Melvin Belli among spectators in court. States-Item gives full text Garrison opening statement.
- 7 Garrison tells Shaw jury he will prove plot, fatal shot fired from front. Says assassination was plotted at two parties, one in French Quarter one at Ferrie apt. Says Warren deliberately covered up evidence of conspiracy. Judge overrules Dymond objection to allowing WR be an issue in the trial. First witness is called, Edwin Lee McGee, barber, Jackson, La. Testifies he gave Oswald haircut August or Sept. 1963, was job-hunting, suggested he might try East La. State Hospital. Reeves Morgan, ex-State representative, testifies that Oswald asked his help in getting job at hospital. Town marshall John Manchester, Clinton, said saw Shaw in Cadillac near vote registration office. Henry Earle Palmer, registrar, says he saw Oswald in line negroes waiting register.
- 7 3 testify they saw Shaw with Oswald before Dallas: reports testimony of Palmer, Manchester, and Corrie Collins, CORE worker, who says Shaw, Ferrie, and Oswald in Cadillac.
- 7 Shaw jury hears the country folk: reports on the Clinton witnesses. Marshall says, did not report seeing Oswald to FBI. Haggerty denies protective order for Mrs. McMaines.

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- 7 NOSI: Bundy links Shaw, Oswald to lakefront meeting. Shaw attorneys move for mistrial charging Haggerty violated law by altering a question asked of a witness, judge overrules motion. Capt. Francis Martello testifies, also, Clinton witnesses, William E. Dunn, Sr., farm worker and CORE aide, who identifies Shaw and Oswald. Judge upholds DA objection during cross-examination of Dunn. Mrs. Bobbie Dedon, doctor's assistant, testifies Oswald applied for job at state hospital; Mrs. Maxine Kemp testifies, recalls job application form but not able find it now, judge overrules Dymond objection to her testimony as hearsay. Police officer Mark Windstein re Oswald file, FPCC. Detective Frank Hayward testifies on arrest of Oswald, judge overrules defense objection. Martello testifies. Judge overrules Dymond objection that anything done by Oswald or Ferrie prior to alleged party not admissible, says State can over-prove case. Girod Ray, wharf master, ex-harbor patrolman, testifies on Oswald leaflets USS Wasp. Charles Steele Jr. testifies. Of five Clinton witnesses, only Reeves Morgan got in touch with FBI about having seen Oswald. All described Oswald as beardless, vs Russo.
 - 8 NYT: A NY accountant says murder of Kennedy was topic at party: but impact of the testimony was lessened when Charles Spiesel said he had been hypnotized by police and others as part of a Communist conspiracy. Alcock seemed stunned by account of torture and hypnotism. Bundy, Martello testify. Judge denies mistrial motion by defense.
 - 8 NYDN: Testifies Shaw and 7 debated how kill JFK (on Spiesel; also, Martello, Dunn of Clinton)
 - 8 NYP: N.Y. accountant faces grilling at Shaw trial (on Spiesel, 255 W 23 St)
 - 9 NYT: Shaw jury visits French Quarter; Spiesel shows court scene he links to assassination
 - 8 NOSI: Shaw apartment complex visited by jurors, witness. Transcript, Spiesel Bundy
 - 10 NOSI: Russo changes testimony on ex-girl friend Sandra. Shaw defense gets 1967 hearing files. Defense objections to photo cadillac, leaflets, overruled. Transcript of Russo testimony. " " to Russo testimony on Oswald's alleged remarks (going to Houston) overruled. Ditto on objections to Russo testifying re James Phelan, overruled.
 - 11 NYT: Shaw trial hears of '63 meeting; witness is unsure if Kennedy discussion was serious; Judge rejects move of the defense to curb testimony. Russo changes story.
 - 11 NYP: Russo on stand for 2nd day; changes testimony somewhat, unable to recall how he got to Ferrie's apartment, now says Sandra Moffett may not have been with him, agrees talk night have been only bull session.
 - 11 NOSI: Didn't hear Shaw, Oswald agree to kill, Russo says; Ferrie only one to make vow. Says Sciambra's memo incomplete, wrong on many points; not 1000% sure his identification of Shaw; admitted told Layton Martens the Shaw case the most blown up thing he'd ever seen, admitted saw Ferrie sever times after 11/22/63, fact omitted Sciambra memo; transcript cross-examination of Russo by Dymond. Russo agrees if he really thought JFK to be killed he would have gone to FBI; admits he knows no one who could corroborate the party. DA's office says unable find Russo's original letter to Garrison, written on day or day before Ferrie died. 2-year discrepancy in date on which Russo alleges saw Shaw at gas station.
 - 12 NYT: Witness relates doubts on Shaw's conspiracy role. Russo says at one time he had told a police officer he would have to say "no" if asked if Shaw was at party where assassination was discussed. Garrison charges that assassination plotted in New Orleans "appeared to be collapsing from lack of substance." Russo says he had told several reporters that he had doubts that Shaw was man at party but claims was only leading them on; at request of DA, who had bugged his home and his phone and told him to pretend he was wavering on his ID of Shaw.
 - 12 NOSI: Russo memo incomplete, hasty, Sciambra admits. Haggerty overrules defense objections to use of record of preliminary hearing; overrules motion for mistrial on ground judge intervened in cross-examination of Russo.

- 13 NYT: Shaw trial turns to Texas and assassination alibis. R.C. Roland, manager ice-skating rink Houston, testifies; also James Hardiman, letter carrier. Most of day consumed by testimony from Sciambra, who agreed his memo was full of errors. Over defense objections, Sciambra brought up the 26 errors found in the memo by Russo. Sciambra says he burned the notes of his interview with Russo "for security reasons."
- 13 NYP: Shaw trial hearing about the JFK murder as Garrison begins set forth what he claims is wrong with findings of WC.
- Closeup: Norman Redlich, says "If we had not built the record we built in that investigation the political climate in this country could well have been poisoned indefinitely."
- 13 NOSI: Zapruder put on stand, new trial phase begins. Garrison makes one of his rare appearances at the trial. Transcript of James Hardiman testimony, includes passage on Cliff Boudreaux, name just made up by Dymond; testimony of Dr. Esmond Fatter; travel agent Lewis Hopkins. Sciambra attacks James Phelan as "journalistic prostitute." Richard W. Jackson testifies on change of address form for Shaw.
- 14 NYT: Zapruder film shows at Shaw trial; Garrison seeks disprove WC conclusion of lone assassin. Film shown 5 times; Robert West, Wesley Frazier testify.
- 14 NYP: Same as above
- 14 LAFP: Transcript opening statement by Garrison; reportage on trial by Art Kunkin
- 14 NOSI: FBI expert Shaneyfelt testifies JFK shot from rear. In Washington, D of J rejects Judge Halleck suggestion autopsy photos be made available to medical expert designated by Garrison. Carl Eardley, Justice Dept. attorney, says would violate Kennedy family agreement with Nat'l Archives. Reports testimony of Buell Wesley Frazier; Shaneyfelt; Wilma Bond. JFK Autopsy Review said Source of Discrepancies, on Wecht testimony
- 15 NYT: Shaw jury told of Oswald flight; Roger Craig says a second man drove car. Reports testimony by Craig, on "green Rambler stationwagon" etc. Carolyn Walther testifies she saw 2 men, one holding gun, in TSBD window, heard 4 shots. Also testimony from B.J. Martin, motorcycle cop, and Mrs. Phil Willis.
- 15 NYT: X-Rays released for Witness. Halleck orders that Wecht be allowed see photos, X-rays
- 15 NYP: Louisiana Attorney-General Gremillion indicted in fraud
- 15 NOSI: Mystery photo barred to press; Moorman photo introduced over defense objections. Court hears James L. Simmons on puff of smoke; Frances Newman, who covered her children because thought caught in a crossfire; Mary Moorman. Judge overrules defense objection Moorman testimony irrelevant. Also reports Halleck ruling on autopsy photos yesterday.
- 15 NOSI: Federal grand jury indicts Gremillion, 4 others, in LL&T case; 16 charges made.
- 15 Chr.Science Mon: Shaw defense pushes effort to discredit witnesses. Charles Spiesel under cross-examination confirms he filed \$16 million suit against 16 defendants alleging mental torture, hypnotism. Spiesel said 50 to 60 persons hypnotized him in 16 yrs, needing only to catch his eye to do so. Russo retracts statement that Sandra Moffett went with him to Ferrie apartment party mid-Sept. 1963, says does not know who was with him. Sciambra admits his 3500-word report of interview with Russo makes no reference to alleged party or supposed conspiracy. Russo confronted with statement he had made to James Phelan that he doesn't know difference between fantasy and reality sometimes, and statement to police officer that he didn't know if Shaw was at the reported party, says these statements were taken out of context. Letter-carrier James Hardiman, who testified he delivered mail to "Clem Bertrand" in 1966 to address where Shaw requested his mail be forwarded, asked under cross-examination if he delivered mail to same address to "Cliff Boudreaux" replies that he did. Defense attorney says, he just made up name "Cliff Boudreaux," Hardiman says, "Well, maybe you did."

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- 16 NYT: Weather delays Shaw witnesses; Texans unable to fly in, only 3 on stand. "Buffs" Mark Lane, Penn Jones, arrive. James Simmons, Mrs. F. G. Newman, and Mrs. Mary Moorman testify. Simmons says, saw whiff of smoke, footprints near fence. Mrs. Newman says she and husband threw themselves over their child because thought they were in crossfire. Mrs. Moorman identifies photo she took just after fatal shot.
- 17 NOSI: Retired FBI agent Regis Kennedy says he probed JFK death in New Orleans; interviewed Dean Andrews, searched for "Clay Bertrand" about 20 hrs. Witness Wm. Newman says he thought shots at JFK came from grassy knoll. Herbert Orth, LIFE photo lab technician, testifies re Zapruder film. Garrison, making only 4th appearance in court, questions one witness.
- 17 NOSI: Full-page ad gives names, photos, reporters and artists covering trial for States-Item
- 17 NEWSWEEK: Article "Mardi Gras Season" reports on trial, discrediting of Charles Spiesel
- 18 NYT: Kennedy autopsy data freed by court. 2 jurors ill, Shaw trial halts. Adjournment comes during testimony of Dr. John M. Nichols, pathologist U of Kansas, who says photo examination indicated to him JFK could have been shot from in front. Nichols testifies over objections of defense, overruled by judge. In Washington, federal judge orders Natl Archives produce autopsy photos, X-rays, Justice Dept. says will appeal his ruling.
- 18 NOSI: Shaw trial in recess. Records of JFK autopsy ordered released, ruling considered victory for Garrison, but immediately appealed by govt. attorneys. Dr. Nichols testifies.
- 19 NYT: Item on Mardi Gras, Shaw jury sees parades.
- 19 NYP: Max Lerner column, "Garrison and Shaw," says Garrison's career and reputation are at stake on the outcome of the trial and on fate of anti-WR theory; mentions Paris Flammonde book ("intensely pro-Garrison"); says Russo pre- and post-hypnosis contradictions grow ever more contradictory; new witness Charles Spiesel "thinks himself target of more conspiracies than were ever dreamt of, even in Garrison's flamboyant universe." Praises Epstein book on Garrison, "Counterplot," which concludes G's evidence falls apart, his methods cavalier in the perspective of the rights of defendants, and his whole approach is that of a dangerous demagogue. Lerner thinks G. an obsessed man, caught in the cocoon he has spun.
- 19 NYP: Shaw trial resuming after holiday; reports testimony of Dr. John Nichols, Zapruder film shows "head jerk backwards."
- 19 NOSI: Witness Richard Randolph Carr testifies 4 fled Book Depository after shooting, says FBI told him to keep his mouth shut about what he saw. Other highlights today's testimony: A hostess at VIP room at int'l airport testifies she saw Shaw sign guest register as "Clay Bertrand" in Dec. 1966 (Mrs. Jesse Parker); Dr. Nichols gives further testimony, says he believes JFK fatal bullet fired from front; testifies on time interval between JFK, Connally reactions to shots. Defense today asked subpoenas for Mary Bledsoe and Cpt. Fritz of Dallas, Dr. Pierre Finck of Washington, D.C. Gov. Connally and wife, subpoenaed by prosecution, but their appearance postponed indefinitely by D.A. Airport hostess Mrs. Parker says she recognized Shaw by his "pretty hair," did not go to FBI or other authorities because did not want to get involved, says was contacted by D.A.'s office after Shaw hearing in March 1967. Carr testifies saw man in 5th floor window of Book Depository, thought shots came from grassy knoll, saw three men (one a Latin) emerge from behind Depository, flee in car. Dr. Nichols' testimony of 2/17/69 summarized, grisly details cause juror become ill; Zapruder interviewed in Dallas by AP on return from testifying at Shaw trial. Gives transcript testimony of Dr. Nichols, Mrs. Parker (she got lie-detector test from D.A.), Richard R. Carr.
- 20 NOSI: State rests; ruling due on acquittal plea. La. high court refuses to intervene, on D.A. request to reverse ruling by Judge Haggerty barring testimony by key state witness, patrolman Aloysius J. Habighorst. Defense issued subpoenas today for Lt. T. L. Baker of Dallas Police and former Gov. Connally, originally called by state; but state rested case today without calling Connally or several other witnesses under subpoena.

- 20 NOSI (continued): Case may never go to jury; judge promised ruling tomorrow on defense motion for directed verdict. Habighorst claims Shaw signed fingerprint card saying he had used alias "Clay Bertrand" but Shaw on stand testifies card blank when he signed it. Judge said yesterday he did not believe policeman's story and even if true inadmissible because Shaw's constitutional rights were violated when police barred his attorney from room when defendant being fingerprinted. Chief defense lawyer Irvin Dymond moves for directed verdict; cites Russo testimony as showing no conspiratorial agreement, quotes Russo: "I never said anything about a conspiracy. I didn't sit in on any conspiracy." Says state failed prove any overt act; failed show Oswald ever took a gun into Book Depository day JFK slain; Alcock, for state, says Russo not qualified define "conspiracy," says what makes alleged conspiracy meeting important is that Oswald "wound up in the Texas Book Depository." Yesterday Alcock angrily demanded mistrial when judge said "The whole world can hear that I do not believe officer Habighorst." Article reviews proceedings of trial to date, notes that Alcock in questioning prospective jurors had said state would show a meeting between Shaw, Ruby and Oswald in Baton Rouge, but this allegation omitted from opening statement, never mentioned in testimony. Recalls D.A.'s office threatened call off trial if could not get JFK autopsy photos; after federal judge ordered them to New Orleans, state rested without introducing them.
- 21 NYT: Cyril Wecht, Paris Flammonde appear at midnight on NBC radio, Long John program Garrison rests case against Shaw. Garrison sat glowering at the prosecution table in the courtroom yesterday as Judge Haggerty said he needed to read over much of the testimony before deciding if the state had proved a semblance of a case with the 43 witnesses heard.
- 21 NYT: Garrison today abandoned attempt to force federal govt. release autopsy photos; In a telegram to Justice Dept. Garrison aide said the material was "no longer needed."
- 21 NOSI: Marina counters Russo trial testimony. Says Oswald away only one night during entire stay in New Orleans, in jail, while Russo said Oswald was Ferrie roommate. Says Oswald never wore beard; She never heard of Shaw, Bertrand, Ferrie, Russo, etc. Testifies light-colored station wagon owned by Mrs. Ruth Paine was parked in front of Paine home in Irving, Texas, at time of assassination. Earlier, when judge denied defense motion for directed verdict, Garrison was asked his reaction, replied, "I have no reaction. I have no nervous system anymore." Gives transcript testimony Marina Oswald Porter. She denies Oswald ever went to Clinton, La., to her knowledge. Under cross-examination, says she did not lie to FBI re Oswald's trip to Mexico, says, she just didn't tell them he went. Also denies she admitted to Warren Commission she had lied to FBI; Alcock reads part of her WC testimony, defense objection overruled.
- 21 NOSI: Richard Randolph Carr's testimony differs from his statements in FBI interview report of early 1964, which says Carr described man he saw in the top floor of Depository.
- 21 TIME: "Dallas Revisited," summarizes proceedings last week; says Zapruder film "clearly shows the President falling backward in his seat, an unlikely occurrence if he were being struck by bullets from the rear." Then says, falsely, "However, the Warren Commission Report has already met this objection by noting that Kennedy fell backward because his chauffeur had speeded up the car when the shooting began."
- 22 NYT: Oswald's widow testifies he did not know Shaw or Ferrie; under cross-examination, replies "I don't remember" to many questions. FBI ballistics expert Robert Frazier testified late yesterday that bullet found in Parkland Hospital had been fired from rifle found on 6th floor of Depository. Other defense witnesses heard included Lloyd J. Cobb, president of Trade Mart, and Goldie Naomi Moore, Shaw's private secretary; Cobb testified Shaw worked steadily, sometimes into late night, during all of August and Sept. 1963 except when visited his parents in Hammond, La., on 9/25/63.

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- 22 NOSI: FBI expert Robert Frazier testifies Oswald had "easy shot." Says his opinion is no evidence fired from anywhere except 6th floor window. Gives transcript Frazier testimony.
- 23 NYT: FBI expert Frazier tells Shaw trial JFK shot from behind. Refers to "sonic booms" as explanation of more than 3 shots heard by some witnesses. Defense to call autopsys@doctors.
- 23 Wash.Sunday Star: by Haynes Johnson--Some new questions on Garrison's case. Discusses books on Garrison by Paris Flammonde and Ed Epstein.
- 23 Book World: Review of Counterplot by Ed Epstein, by Edwin M. Yoder, Jr.
- 24 NYP: Shaw trial lacks promised "proof." Article says, when Garrison rested his case he left fans and foes alike wondering what the 2-year fuss had been about. There is no authoritative explanation of why the trial has delivered so little compared to the build-up. Garrison case charged an overt act to advance the conspiracy but Garrison failed prove his claim that Oswald carried rifle into Depository building. Garrison did not even offer his evidence of supposed links to Ruby through a coded address book seized from Shaw.
- 24 Wash.Post: by John MacKenzie--Shaw case prosecutor fails to deliver (same as NYP story above).
- 24 NOSI: Col. Finck testifies JFK shot from behind. Under cross-examination by Asst. D.A. Alvin Oser, Finck testifies he was told not discuss case without co-ordinating with Attny-General, then, RFK. Says did not see autopsy photos before writing autopsy report, first saw photos, X-rays in January 1967. Expresses belief WC did not see autopsy photos because "was wish of RFK." Finck says during autopsy Humes asked who in charge and "some general" said "I am." Says room was crowded with FBI agents, military officers and civilians. Admiral Kinney, surgeon general of the Navy, seemed to be ranking officer. Finck says, when you are a lt-colonel, you just follow orders. Discusses position of back wound in autopsy face-sheet drawing, says, lower in position than he had placed it by making mark on back of defense lawyer Wegmann, but "approximately the same."
- 24 NOSI: \$5 million sought, deny cash for Oswald gun (story on suit by oilman John King).
- 24 Christ.Science Mon: Prosecution rests in Shaw case; judge raps witness Habighorst. "Veteran newsmen covering the trial held the implications of the judge's remarks unmistakable--and far-reaching. He seemed to be suggesting that the name "Clay Bertrand" had been inserted after Mr. Shaw signed the fingerprint card, and thus wasn't aware of the insertion."
- 25 NYT: Jury bars payment for Oswald's rifle. JFK autopsy doctor, Col.Finck, tells Shaw jury shots came from rear. But Finck reopened an old controversy during his testimony about a wound in the back of the neck, saying he had not attempted to dissect the neck to trace path of the bullet because "We were told not to." He could not recall who had given the order, says was told family wanted no examination of neck organs. Finck testified autopsy did not meet standards set by the American Board of Pathologists. Said he was told by X-ray technician that X-rays did not disclose any bullets left in the body.
- 25 NOSI: Shaw is not "Bertrand," Dean Andrews testifies. Transcript of 30th day of testimony, includes cross-examination of Dr. Finck by Oser. Asked why autopsy report said "presumably of entry" when Finck now positive was wound of entry, witness replies "Admiral Galloway told us to put that word presumably." Says some X-rays taken of JFK did not come out. Transcript given of Dean Andrews' testimony.
- 26 NYT: Lawyer Dean Andrews testifies he made up story about Oswald. Handwriting expert Charles Appel Jr. appears for defense, on airport signature "Clay Bertrand." (Ad for Ed Epstein book on Garrison, page 45.) JFK put locks on A-Arms in 1962, new book reports: Norman Moss in "The Men Who Play God" says military resented the electronic lock ordered placed on weapons by JFK as slur on their reliability and integrity. (same story also in NYPost of 2/26/69)

- 26 NOSI: "Clay Bertrand" signature not Shaw's, expert Appel testifies. Jefferson Biddison, Shaw friend, testifies he never received mail for Clay Bertrand, as claimed by letter-carrier. Writer James Phalen testifies on discrepancies in Sciambra memo of Russo interview. (Resignation of La. Attorney-General Gremillion again asked by MCC, Gremillion and 4 others were indicted on conspiracy and fraud charges.) Transcript of Appel testimony given; he concludes after step by step analysis of various letters that Shaw did not write "Clay Bertrand" in VIP register. Phelan testifies Garrison in Feb. 1967 gave him some material, including Sciambra memo; after Russo testimony at March 1967 preliminary hearing, Phelan told Garrison there was wide discrepancy between memo and Russo testimony, says Garrison's jaw dropped.
- 27 NYT: 2 at Shaw trial rebut Russo story. N.Orls. police Lt. Edward M. O'Donnell testifies Russo told him on 6/19/67 he had identified Shaw because he was angry at chief defense attorney. Dymond. Phelan says Russo told him he was sorry he had ever identified Shaw but was afraid to change his story after telling it to Garrison because fearful of what Garrison might do to him. Lt. O'Donnell says Russo told him Shaw was not at Barrie party.
- 27 NOSI: Defense winds up case after Shaw testifies. Summarizes Shaw testimony, denying various allegations by prosecution and state witnesses. Eugene Davis testifies he never used name "Clay Bertrand," thus contradicting Dean Andrews. Transcript of O'Donnell testimony; says he never had contact with defense until trial in progress. Testimony by defense witness Arthur Q. Davis, architect, who signed VIP register at airport on line directly above "Clay Bertrand" signature, was acquainted with Clay Shaw, did not see him in VIP lounge, remained in room 20-30 minutes after signing, says no one signed book after him. (Note: Name allegedly was signed about a week before Garrison first had Shaw brought in for questioning. Signature "Clay Bertrand" in VIP book should be checked against handwriting of DA, his staff, and associates—Meagher) Transcript given of Shaw testimony. Highlights of testimony on 2/26/69 given; includes Mrs. Jesse Garner, former landlady of Oswald, who testified he was always neat, clean-shaven.
- 27 NOSI: Newsmen Walter Sheridan and Richard Townley ask dismissal of Garrison's charges against them (public bribery).
- 28 NYT: Shaw denies JFK murder plot. State calls rebuttal witness Nicholas N. Tadin, who testifies he saw Shaw with Ferrie at airport in New Orleans in summer of 1964. Alcock cross-examination of Shaw described as "almost cursory." Another rebuttal witness, Eugene Davis, denies he ever introduced to Dean Andrews as "Clay Bertrand."
- 28 NYP: James Wechler column, says, it can now be told that the late RFK momentarily took serious view of Garrison ramblings and dispatched trusted associate Walter Sheridan to conduct behind-the-scenes inquiry into Garrison's story. After getting Sheridan's report, RFK told Wechler privately that he could forget about Garrison.
- 28 NOSI: Defense motion for directed verdict of acquittal denied by Judge Haggerty; final arguments under way. This morning state rebuttal witnesses on stand: handwriting expert Mrs. Elizabeth McCarthy Bailey of Boston said Shaw could have signed VIP register ("In my opinion it's highly probable that Clay Shaw signed the name Clay Bertrand"). Also testifying, Dr. John Nichols, and Peter Schuster, photographer in Orleans Parish coroner's office. Nichols said bullet could not have passed through JFK body without hitting bone unless angle of fire from the side. Schuster testified about 2 mysterious photos given him 1/20/69 by DA's office (Note: apparently these were blow-ups of the Moorman photo—Meagher) Says in his opinion photos showed man who appeared to be holding some object. Nichols testifies WR reconstruction of shots impossible because bullet in JFK back would have had to strike a cervical vertebrae. Disputes Finck on head shot, says Finck refused see him though he went to Washington to discuss case with him, was not allowed examine JFK car, X-rays or photos. Gives transcript Nichols testimony, also of Peter Schuster testimony and Mrs. Bailey on handwriting analysis.
- 28 NOSI: Jury sees 100 pictures, Zapruder film shocks Shaw trial. Gremillion innocent plea is planned.

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- 1 Chr.Sci.Mon. by H.Jacobs: Shaw trial moves toward conclusion; admissions by Finck
- 1 NYT: Sirhan pleas to die is denied by court; judge rejects move admit guilt all counts

- 1 NYT: Shaw is called a liar by Prosecution in closing argument by Alcock. Dymond in closing statement says Garrison knew there was no shred of evidence against Shaw.
- 1 NOSI: Not Guilty! Verdict is unanimous. Jury deliberated 53 minutes. Wild cheer in courtroom as verdict heard. Front-page EDITORIAL: "Garrison Should Resign" says Garrison abused vast powers of his office, perverted the law; his prosecution of Clay Shaw was a perversion of the legal process; damage caused by Garrison's witch-hunt may never be repaired, too shameful. Garrison stands revealed as man without principle.

Juror says verdict was unanimous and was reached on first ballot. Garrison had left long before the verdict. He told a newsmen, certainly has been an interesting case, no matter how it ends, he would not hold a news conference, tired of being called flamboyant. "Everybody knows I am not flamboyant."

Triangulation...Code...a Riddle: Bizarre case dissected: Article reviews claims by Garrison starting 2 years ago, his "exclusive" interviews, his violent reaction to press criticism of him. Mort Sahl, Mark Lane worked with him, given entree to G's files and office; his claim of decoding Ruby phonenummer, never mentioned in trial, ditto alleged Shaw/Oswald/Ruby meeting Baton Rouge. As trial moved closer, even G's staunchest supporters dismayed by turn of events. Case which G. said would rock the world was, in most people's eyes, a drab fizzle.

- 2 NYT: by Sidney E. Zion—Garrison flops on the conspiracy theory. Ridicules state witnesses, evidence, at trial but says in fairness to Garrison, no one who spoke to him during last 2 years doubted his sincerity (quotes Max Lerner, took weeks to shake off G. spell after a long talk with him). Notes G. was surrounded by "buffs" like Lane, Sahl, etc. Trial a grave disappointment to millions of Americans who believed G. was on to something very big. "The debacle in New Orleans has clearly dealt a significant blow" to criticism of the WR—"it is likely that the Clay Shaw case has restored the credibility of the Warren Report in a manner as unforeseen by those who tried to stop the trial as it was unintended by (Garrison)." Foresees "revisionist treatises" on Shaw trial and on Garrison himself--indeed, "one young man was heard to surmise yesterday that it was conceivable that Garrison was actually a CIA agent since why else would he have put on such a shoddy case."
- 2 NYT EDITORIAL: "Justice in New Orleans," calls Shaw trial one of the most disgraceful chapters in history of American jurisprudence, says Garrison's real purpose in holding the trial was to prove "his obsessional conviction about the fraudulent character of the WC report..." and his shocking conduct proved his unfitness for public office.
- 2 NYT: Shaw's not guilty verdict prompts denunciations of Garrison. New Orleans paper States-Item called for his resignation. Garrison refuses comment. On hand for trial were Mark Lane, Harold Weisberg, Penn Jones, and Dr. Nichols. In summation, Dymond said most critics of WR were "a bunch of vultures" seeking either fame or fortune.
- 2 NYT: Aaron Kohn of Metrop. Crime Commission (New Orleans) calls Shaw trial a fraud, asks again for state investigation of Garrison's office and allegations of attempted bribery and intimidation on his part.

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- 3 NOSI: 2 groups to meet (MCC and New Orleans Bar Assn) to consider action vs Garrison. Discusses costs of trial; Bringuier calls for impeachment of Garrison. Gremillion, no comm. Ad for TV discussion "Press and Prejudice" on Shaw trial, Phelan, Aynesworth, Kirkwood
- 3 NOSI: Mrs. Sirhan takes stand to give emotional tribute of thanks to US
- 3 Wash.Daily News: Editorial--Garrison's Gaudy Goof. Garrison "flamboyant braggart"
- 3 Wash.Eve.Star: Editorial--Garrison's Fiasco. Accuses G. of using courts for legal torture.
- 4 NYT: Garrison files perjury writ against freed defendant, charges Shaw with lie at trial
- 4= NYT: Sirhan takes stand and tells court he killed RFK
- 4 NOSI: Sirhan admits assassinating RFK
- 4 NOSI: O'Hara gets Shaw case. DA ex-aide Tom Bethell charged with unlawful use movable property. O'Hara and Garrison were assistant DAs under Leon Hubert in late 1950s. Bethell liable to \$100 fine or 6 months. Rumors of resignations by key aides of DA. In Tampa, Kerry Thornley demanded trial on perjury charge by Garrison April 1968. Gordon Novel ready testify re: Ferrie's death, alleges Attney-Gen. Gremillion has been told who killed David Ferrie and how it was done. Bar Assn. says DA not subject discipline --can be removed only by impeachment.
- 4 Chr.Sci.Mon: Bizarre court drama closed by acquittal. Sums up defense closing remarks.
- 4 Miami Herald: Editorial--Garrison's Finish. Garrison used his office to fabricate case against innocent man; plot theory disintegrated day by day; goal was discredit WR
- 4 Wash.Post: Editorial--The Carnival Ought To Be Over. Surpassed Mardi Gras for bombast, fantasy; ending was striking and abrupt; Shaw charges only incidental to Garrison's effort put WR on trial. Verdict is triumph of reality, reason, common sense. Should but will not lay to rest all tales and theories surrounding work of Warren Commission.
- 4 L.A. Times: Editorial--Judicial Farce in New Orleans. Conspiracy case and attempt show WR was deliberate cover-up collapsed under fantastic pretensions...Was not a case of Garrison failing to prove his case--was question of G. having no case at all. Tragic, Kafkaesque nightmare proves beyond doubt G. unfit hold public office.
- 5 NYT: Sirhan tells court why he wanted to kill RFK.
- 5 NOSI: Shaw judge to decide Monday whether guidelines were obeyed. Case of Tom Bethell allotted to judge Matthew S. Braniff. O'Hara says new Shaw trial will proceed normal way.

- 5 NOSI: Sirhan insists RFK murder was his own idea.
- 5 NOSI: Editorial "Justice Is Done" reprinted from NY Times
- 5 Miami Herald: Garrison accuses his ex-staffer of betrayal.
- 6 NYT: Sirhan testifies, RFK looked like saint, denies planning kill before 6/5/68
- 6 NYT: The Vietnam policy reversal of 1968 (credits Clark Clifford for move to peace)
- 6 ????: Editorial—"The conspiracy theory" says most Americans would be glad to lay the whole matter of WR aside, country has other urgent issues before it.
- 6 NOSI: Shaw case follow-up, Judge Shea draws new Andrews trial; Bethell charged
- 6 NOSI: Had no intention, not aware of shots at RFK, Sirhan says
- 6 Wash.Eve.Star: Editorial--Garrison's Rage. Says, were reports bellows of rage heard through closed doors DA's office, now, new charges vs Shaw. Says he must show more substance than personal rage of a vindictive prosecutor.
- 7 NYT: Sirhan says he cannot recall shooting
- 7 WINS/WCBS Radio, news item, 2-3 p.m. says Huntsville, Ala. paper reports James Earl Ray will plead guilty, get 99 year sentence, as only way averting death penalty.
- 7 NYP: Clayton Fritchey, "Goodby Mr. Garrison." Quotes G. before trial as saying case should be evaluated in a courtroom; if a fraud, he should be removed from office. Says, now proved a fraud, and time to remove this prosecutor who is disgrace to U.S. bar. Charges Garrison with double jeopardy of Shaw, in principle if not technically, vicious violation of Shaw's constitutional rights; contempt of court by G, also by Haggerty.
- 7 NOSI: James Earl Ray to plead guilty, per Alabama newspaper.
- 7 NOSI: Letters from readers on Garrison editorial (5 against 7 for Garrison)
- 7 NOSI: Not sorry but not proud, Sirhan says; claims no memory of RFK murder
- 7 NOSI: Complainant fails to show, Marcelle free on assault charge
- 7 COMMONWEAL: Review of The Kennedy Conspiracy (Paris Flammonde) by Meagher
- 8 NYT: Ray said to plan a plea of guilty, deal for 99-year term hinted, would mean prosecution would have no chance to present evidence of conspiracy
- 8 NYT: Ad for Jim Bishop book (Day K Was Shot) quotes Ed Epstein "A far more accurate ...account than the authorized version"
- 8 NOSI: Gives cross-section of editorial comment on Shaw trial
- 8 NOSI: Ray's hearing Monday 3/10/69; quiet on guilty plea report
- 8 NOSI: Metrop.Crime Com. to eye removal of DA Garrison
- 8 LA Times: Cartoon, bandaged Justice says "Take him away--Don't ask where - just take him" as bored police officers take Garrison's arms
- 9 NYT: Sirhan--mysterious assassin. Ray must fact jury trial even if pleads guilty
- 9 Wash.Pst: Garrison remains politically strong. LAT (WSJ): Pre-trial publicity by Garrison
- 10 Miami Herl: Garriston still claims many believers; prominent MD preparing ad, signatures
- 10 NYT: Rumors Memphis Ray decided plead not guilty. Item on plagiarism, LBJ pal, Texas Colleg
- 10 NYP: Cover "Ray Admits Killing MLK" Ray at hearing suddenly rose, said did not agree with DA Canale or Foreman on "no conspiracy." Judge Battle seemed stunned.
- 10 NYP: Sirhan's psychiatrist due at trial; Dr. Bernard Diamond resumes testimony today.

- 10 NOSI: Ray given 99 years on guilty plea; tells court does not agree was no conspiracy
- 10 NOSI: Sirhan said to be paranoid by psychologist Martin Schorr
- 11 NYT: Editorial--Tongue-tied Justice: Says, aborted trial James Earl Ray is shocking breach of faith with the people; Judge Battle treated whole matter as if was a routine murder case; nothing but outrage and suspicion can follow; Ray says publicly that he refuses to go along with statement there was no conspiracy; what a mockery of justice! "Unless proceedings are convened in court...we shall never know the adjudicated truth. There should be no Warren Commissions necessary--a month or a year from now--to still our doubts..."
- 11 NYT: Ray admits guilt in Dr. King death, suggests a plot; judge sets 99-year term U.S. will continue inquiry on Ray but high officials do not believe was conspiracy
- 11 NYT: Puzzlers in Ray case include who received duplicate driver's license in his absence; police radio report of 3 men in white Mustang; where did he get \$15,000 or more; what motive? what about blond Cuban "Raoul"? How able get passport in Canada? etc.
- 11 NYT: (page 16) gives transcript Ray's remarks that he does not agree with Ramsey Clark and JEH, reviews all evidence in case; other stories same page--Changes of pleas called realistic and essential; On the crime blotters, Ray was a solitary drifter.
- 11 NYT: Testifying for the defense, psychologist says Sirhan has paranoid tendencies
- 11 NYP: Ray and King--Is It Over? Memphis says yes; widow says no.
Editorial (page 48): The case is not Closed. Too many indications broader conspiracy.
- 11 NYP: Sirhan's defense takes to the couch
- 11 NOSI: Ray sentenced to 99 years; Doubts aired in King murder
- 11 NOSI: Editorial--The King Murder Case: It is unfortunate entire story has not been told.
- 11 NOSI: Letters to Editor--Dialogue re Garrison continues (5 vs and 7 pro Garrison)
- 12 NYT: Ray, starting 99 year term, assigned to Maximum Security Section. Photo, Ray hiding face as enters Tennessee State Prison Nashville; rising speculation re plot
- 12 NYT: Psychologist depicts Sirhan as unable to plan killing rationally
- 12 NYP: Ray eyewitness Chas.Q. Stephens says was no second man; columns by Max Lerner (Ray: History's Loss) and Harriet Van Horne (The Assassin Within) (mentions LHO)
- 12 NYP: Sirhan defense scores a point, Schorr weathers cross-examination
- 12 Wash.Post: Mrs. King, SCLC cleared disposition of Ray case; and Editorial (99 Yrs for Ray)
- 12 NOSI: Defense witness says Sirhan amnesia real
- 12 NOSI: King death conspiracy probed by Senate Internal Security subcommittee (Eastland)
- 13 NYT: Psychologist Martin M. Schorr says Sirhan was "killing" his father when shot RFK
- 13 NYT: Several books on Ray case planned, first to be out next week. Lists prospective books by Wm. Bradford Huie; Clay Blair, ex-SEP editor; Gerold Frank, author Boston Strangler (who got \$100,000 advance from Doubleday); G. E. McMillan, free-lance writer Atlanta; and J.D. Squires, Nashville newspaperman. Quotes Huie as dismissing conspiracy claims by Ray.
- 13 NEWSWEEK: Covering Big Jim--article on press treatment Garrison past 2 years by NOSI,NOTP
- 13 NYP: Trial hears Sirhan on tape after arrest
- 13 NYP: Ray--Sorry I Plead Guilty; Justice Dept. also sorry Ray allowed make plea; New doubters include Eastland, Hanes, and Rep. C.C. Diggs, Jr. (D-Mich), Negro, who Called on Nixon to revive Warren Commission to investigate Ray/MLK case.
- 13 NOSI: Ray quoted as saying he was not alone, brother says Foreman refused pursue any conspiracy angle
- 13 NOSI: Father hatred spurred Sirhan, court is told by Martin Schorr
- 14 Wash.Eve.St: Shaw trial difficulty cited by Garrison