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Writer Blames 'Witch' in Probe

A free lance magazine writer from Tampa who served in the Marine Corps with Lee Harvey Oswald believes a New Orleans woman who practices witchcraft caused him to be subpoenaed by District Attorney James Garrison.

"It came from Barbara Reed who believes she saw me with Oswald in the Bourbon House in New Orleans," Kerry W. Thornley said following Garrison's action.

The New Orleans prosecutor charged in New Orleans that Thornley "failed to tell the whole truth" when he testified before the Warren Commission.

Searching Continues

ACCORDING to Garrison, Thornley told the commission investigating the assassination of President Kennedy he never saw Oswald after they left the Marine Corps.

The district attorney claims, however, the two were "closely associated" in New Orleans during September of 1963.

THORNLEY said they were both in New Orleans at that time and visited the same bar, but "I may have passed him and not recognized him and as far as I know he never saw me."

The 29-year-old writer said he was called to testify before the Warren Commission because he had once written a novel about an American defecting to Russia and it was based on Oswald.

The book never was published.

The U.S. Coast Guard reported today still no breakthrough in the search for four Tampans who took off in a light plane from Peter O. Knight Airport Monday morning.

"We resumed search at 8 this morning," a representative from the St. Petersburg station said.

At the controls of the white and turquoise Cessna was Tom Versaggi, the 23-year-old son of a Tampa shrimp company owner who is a student at the University of Tampa.

Along for the ride were William Barnard, 24, a part-time student at the university; Pam Ritter and Sedra Syrus, all of Tampa.

According to the Coast Guard, the aircraft took off 2 a.m. Monday without filing a flight plan. The last radio contact with Versaggi was on takeoff.

All airports within a 500-mile radius of Tampa were checked and search planes are combing an area within a 75-mile radius of Peter O. Knight Airport.

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British Consul Slates Talks

British Consul Hon. F. J. Pelly will visit Tampa Friday to conduct consular business with Tampa businessmen. Pelly will be available for interviews at the Greater Tampa Chamber of Com-

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