

Thornley May Defend Self at Hearing

Tampa free lance writer Kerry Wendell Thornley said yesterday that he is seriously considering defending himself when he appears Monday at 5 p.m. before Circuit Court Judge Robert Patton to show cause why he shouldn't be required to obey a subpoena issued to him by U.S. Dist. Atty. James Garrison.

Garrison of New Orleans, wants Thornley to appear Feb. 8-9 before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury to testify about the writer's alleged affiliation with accused assassin Lee Harvey Oswald in New Orleans in 1963.

Florida law permits Thornley to defend himself without benefit of legal counsel if he so desires, a local circuit judge observed.

"But there's an old axiom of law among lawyers that a man who attempts to defend himself has a fool for a client," said the judge.

"It's not worth all that expense for a lawyer here," said Thornley, 29, 726 S. 51st St.

He said he may secure legal counsel in time for the hearing before Patton but he's preparing notes for his defense in either event.

Thornley noted that he told the Warren Commission three times in April 1964 in Washington that he had not seen the alleged killer of President John F. Kennedy since June 1959 when he served with Oswald in the U.S. Marine Corps at El Toro, Calif.

Garrison contends Thornley is "a material witness" in his probe of Kennedy's death and that Thornley was seen in New Orleans in 1963 with Oswald.

Thornley said he doesn't believe Garrison will try to ob-

tain an indictment against him in the alleged Kennedy murder conspiracy.

The writer obtained the ser-

VICES of Oil City, Pa., lawyer Max P. Gabreski in the case but said Gabreski won't be here for the hearing in Patton's chambers and he doesn't know yet if the lawyer will accompany him to New Orleans should Patton dictate his attendance before the grand jury.

Thornley said he has a "grapevine" between himself and Garrison and he is compiling a presentation to support his argument that extra-

dition to New Orleans is futile because he has nothing new to reveal in the Kennedy case.

Love Means Death

GAUHATI, India (AP)—Human love can be tough enough on humans, but it's sheer death on the rare variety of one-horned rhinoceros at the Kaziranga game sanctuary near here. Game officials say poachers killed 37 of the rhinos last year for their horns, which bring nearly \$500 a pound when ground up for use in love potions.