

Ruby Attorney Asks Garrison Be Disbarred

The disbarment of New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison has been asked by an attorney who once represented Jack Ruby.

Attorney Sol Dann of Detroit said yesterday that he has written to the American and Louisiana Bar Associations asking them to consider disbarring Garrison for "unwarranted and reckless attacks on the Warren Commission Report and its members."

Garrison, meanwhile, told newsmen in New Orleans that Dann "is well aware of the total involvement of Jack Ruby with regard to the assassination. He is doing his best to block any successful inquiry."

GARRISON SAID DANN'S action was "very understandable because my objective inquiry into the murder of President Kennedy will necessarily reveal the involvement, not only of individuals associated with the Central Intelligence Agency, but of Jack Ruby himself."

Meanwhile, a spokesman for Truth and Consequences Inc., the private organization of businessmen which is funding the DA's inquiry, said the group "remains solidly behind the investigation."

Willard E. Robertson, a founder of the fund, made the statement in reply to reports that a recent suit filed by fugitive witness Gordon Novel may have resulted in the fund's disintegration.

"I HAVE HEARD this sort of discussion from non-members of Truth and Consequences."

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ences," Robertson said in reply to newsmen's questions. "But I have not talked with any member who has any idea of withdrawing or discontinuing his support. Everyone is 100 per cent behind the investigation."

Members of the organization told the States-Item the organization's monetary support of the inquiry recently was renewed with additional donations.

As a result of Garrison's probe, New Orleans businessman Clay Shaw has been indicted with conspiracy to commit the murder of Kennedy. Shaw is free on \$10,000

bond.

Dann represented Ruby when he was convicted of killing accused presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald in Dallas.

"This request is made to put an end to any further exploitation of this horrible tragedy and prevent a repetition of the carnival proceedings that prevailed before Judge Joe B. Brown in Dallas," Dann said.

HIS THREE-PARAGRAPH letter asked the bar groups not to limit their probe to Garrison, but to include investigation of any attorney involved in any proceeding related to the assassination.

Dann told newsmen this would include judges ruling on court matters stemming from the assassination and any attorneys who have authored books about it.

"This fraud has gone on long enough," Dann told newsmen. "It would very much appear Mr. Garrison has improperly discharged his responsibilities."

"His actions appear irresponsible and not in keeping with his role as prosecutor, which is to protect the innocent as well as convict the guilty," Dann said.

HE SAID HE BASED HIS claim on the fact that Garrison has challenged Warren Commission findings without "coming forward with any new evidence or new information."

Asked about Garrison's claim that Ruby's unlisted Dallas telephone number had been found, in code, in books owned by Shaw and Oswald, Dann dismissed the claim as mathematical trickery.

Garrison says the code involved interchanging several numbers.

"I never questioned Ruby with reference to Clay Shaw because I never knew about Shaw," Dann said. "But I did question him about Oswald, very extensively, and there was no indication he had ever had any knowledge of Oswald prior to the assassination."

"If he had, I assure you, I would have withdrawn from the case," he said.