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'We've Solved Assassination,' Garrison Says

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 24 (UPI).—District Attorney Jim Garrison said Friday he has "solved the mystery of the assassination" of President John F. Kennedy. He offered no substantiating evidence.

Garrison threw out the remark as he went to a meeting of businessmen who have offered to finance his investigation of the 1963 assassination.

PROMISES ARREST

It was the latest in a series of successively more sweeping and sensational statements by the District Attorney over the past week concerning the Nov. 22, 1963, assassination in Dallas. None has been substantiated by evidence.

"We have solved the mystery of the assassination of the President," Garrison said. "And we will arrest every individual."

Asked when the arrests would be made, the 45-year-old District Attorney said, "In 30 or 40 years."

"I am not saying that to be facetious, but we don't want to alert anyone that we're going to arrest," he said.

SUICIDE DISPUTED

Garrison has said he believes that David W. Ferrie, 49, a former airline pilot mentioned in the Warren report but cleared by the commission, committed suicide. Garrison said he had been planning to arrest him.

Ferrie's body was found in his

New Orleans apartment Wednesday. The Orleans parish (county) coroner, Dr. Nicholas J. Chetta, said Friday tests showed no evidence of arsenic, lye, cyanide or similar agents, and there was no evidence of violence. He said he thought now that Ferrie died of natural causes.

Chetta said he should know the final verdict by Tuesday.

AIM FOR PRIVACY

The businessmen's drive for private contributors appeared to be much in the manner of a political campaign.

The funds would be used to finance Garrison's continuing investigation, thus keeping his operations free from public scrutiny. The group christened itself "Truth and Consequences."

In Dallas, District Attorney Henry Wade said Friday, he had always thought it possible that alleged assassin Lee Harvey Oswald had someone "encouraging him or working with him" but there had never been any evidence to support the theory.

Wade said he told the Warren Commission that.

Texas Gov. John Connally, who was riding in the car with President Kennedy and was severely wounded, said he doubted Garrison's investigation would produce anything new.

In Washington, Rep. Gerald R. Ford (D., Mich.), a member of the Warren Commission, said he was "amazed" that Garrison refuses to turn over his information to Federal authorities.