

Can't Prove Plot To Slay JFK, Garrison Says

NEW ORLEANS (UPI).— District Attorney Jim Garrison, pale and hobbling from a back ailment, said Tuesday he is through trying to prove there was a government plot to assassinate President John F. Kennedy.

After spending two hours testifying in Federal court, Garrison also said he is thinking of ending his public career and has no further political ambitions.

He said "a strange glass wall" set up by the Federal Government has convinced him "we've gone about as far as we can go" in the assassination investigation.

He has tried, he said, to show the American people that the Federal Government killed Mr. Kennedy and then established "an artificial left-wing background" around Lee Harvey Oswald to make Oswald the scapegoat.

"The actual planning was set up in Washington," Garrison said.

His surprise announcement that he is abandoning further investigation of the assassination came in Federal court when attorneys for Clay L. Shaw tried to show the district attorney is prosecuting Shaw on a perjury charge to help the sale of Garrison's new book, "Heritage of Stone."

Garrison was subpoenaed to testify in a Federal hearing to determine whether Shaw should be tried for perjury. Two years ago the retired New Orleans businessman was found innocent of charges he conspired to kill Mr. Kennedy.

After the trial Garrison charged that Shaw had lied by testifying he did not know either the alleged assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald, or David Ferrie, both now dead.