

Garrison Restates Faith in Kennedy Murder Probe

District Attorney Jim Garrison, written a book on the subject. He commented during and after the ceremonies in which he and three other officials were sworn in Monday.

Senior Criminal District Court Judge Bernard J. Bagert administered the oath of office to Garrison, Criminal Sheriff Louis A. Heyd Jr., Daniel B. Haggerty, clerk of criminal district court, and Dr. Carl H. Rablin, Orleans parish coroner.

Garrison, who began his third successive term, devoted most of his brief remarks during the inauguration to his Kennedy assassination investigation.

"With regard to our main investigation . . . the day will come when everybody in the United States will know that it was in New Orleans that the murder of John F. Kennedy was faked and we were right about it," he said.

SPEAKS OF GUILT

Without mentioning names, Garrison spoke of guilt and in-

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CHATTING BEFORE swearing-in ceremonies Monday at the Criminal Court's Building are (from left) Dan Haggerty, clerk of Criminal District Court; Dr. Carl H. Rablin,

parish coroner; and Louis A. Heyd Jr., criminal sheriff. All were re-elected incumbents.

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nocence in his preceding remark.

"In the past eight years, we have never tried anybody we did not think guilty of an offense. If we thought they were not guilty, we would dismiss the case before trial," he said.

"There is no reason to think we tried anybody who was not guilty . . ." he reiterated.

One of those tried by Garrison was Clay L. Shaw, accused of conspiring to assassinate Kennedy. A 12-man jury unanimously acquitted Shaw of the charge after brief deliberations March 1, 1969, two years to the day after he was arrested by investigators.

Following the ceremonies, Garrison said that he spent two years working on his book, "Heritage of Stone," which will be published in the fall.

He said the title was inspired by some men's "Stone age cruelty and lack of compas-

sion for their fellow men." This is what leads to wars and killing, he added.

The book "will show the involvement of the United States government in the assassination," he said. "I think people are beginning to move farther and farther away from the Warren Report."

PROBLEM COMPLEX

"Writing the book was a problem since the operation of the domestic intelligence agency is so complex," he said. There is "very little above the surface," he added.

The inauguration, scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m., did not start until one half hour later when Garrison was still not present.

Thin, and somewhat stooped, but smiling broadly, Garrison walked down the aisle of Judge Bagert's court immediately after an invocation by the Rev. John P. Reynolds, pastor of St. Patrick's church.

Garrison has been suffering from back trouble since before the Nov. 8 Democratic primary.

Heyd, who was introduced by attorney John Hattier, expressed a hope that, with a new city administration, "four years from now I can give you a much rosier report about a new prison about to open."

As federal district court Judge James A. Comiskey introduced Haggerty, the clerk's brother, Edward A. Haggerty Jr., looked on from his place among the 10 criminal judges sitting en banc.

Their father, Edward A. Haggerty Sr., was clerk of court for some 50 years preceding his death, which occurred after his

son won the Democratic nomination for the same job.

"This perfect record . . . is being turned over to the son, Dan, today," Comiskey said.

Civil district court Judge Paul Garafalo introduced Dr.



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**DISTRICT ATTORNEY
JIM GARRISON**
Takes oath of office.

Rabin, who took the opportunity to have his assistants, Doctors Thomas J. Conklin, Waldo B. Bernard, James E. Brown, and Thomas B. Cocke, and his executive chief administrator, Richard J. Torres, sworn in also.

Master of ceremonies was Cecil M. Shilstone, and the Rev. Dr. H. Dale Wright delivered a benediction. Minute clerk for the session was Jack J. Granen. John T. Littleton, a deputy criminal sheriff, was court crier.