

Haik Sues ⁵⁻¹ Garrison for ^{7,14,71} \$250,000

Robert G. Haik, New Orleans attorney, has filed a \$250,000 damage suit in federal district court against Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison and his mother, Mrs. Jane Garrison Gardiner.

The suit arose as result of criminal proceedings Garrison brought against Haik charging him with the unlawful use of \$100,000 allegedly belonging to Mrs. Gardiner. The state Supreme Court recently dismissed the proceedings.

Haik charged that the proceedings were brought in connection with a scheme to use the criminal procedures of the state and Garrison's position as district attorney for personal gain and through malice.

Haik asserted that the purpose of the charges was to intimidate him into paying Mrs. Gardiner the amount of money she claimed he owed her in connection with certain oil leases. Her suit, filed in federal district court in 1969, is still pending.

He also alleged that the criminal procedures were groundless and that both Garrison and his mother knew that he had committed no crime.

Mrs. Gardiner's suit sought an accounting for what she claimed was her share of royalties in oil leases in the parishes of Jefferson Davis, Terrebonne, Claiborne, Assumption and Beauregard. She charged that Haik conveyed to her an undivided one-half interest in the royalties.