

D.A. Says He's 'Solved' Kennedy Assassination

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NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 24 (UP) — Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison said today he has solved the assassination of President Kennedy and will arrest every individual involved. He made the startling statement on his way to a meeting with a group of local businessmen who said they will finance Mr. Garrison's investigation of a conspiracy hatched in New Orleans to kill the President.

"We have solved the assassination and will arrest every individual," Mr. Garrison said.

He was asked when arrests could be expected.

He said: "Thirty or 40 years. I am not saying that to be facetious, but we don't want to alert anyone that we are going to arrest, so there might be repeat of what happened to David W. Ferrie."

Mr. Garrison revealed less than a week ago he had been investigating the conspiracy for three months. He promised arrests, charges and convictions.

Two days ago, David W. Ferrie — a man Mr. Garrison said was deeply involved in the conspiracy — was found dead in his apartment. Mr. Garrison said Mr. Ferrie killed himself and repeated his belief today.

However, Orleans Parish (county) Coroner Nicholas Chetfa said less than an hour earlier it appeared Mr. Ferrie died a natural death. He ruled out violent murder and said there was no evidence of death-dealing chemicals or poisons in Ferrie's body.

A group of businessmen headed by oilman Joseph Rault Jr. and Volkswagen dealer Willard E. Robertson met at noon to set up a fund to pay for Mr. Garrison's probe. (See photo on Page 2).