

## THIRD WARNING GIVEN BY JUDGE

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Citations Are Promised  
in JFK Plot Case

In the wake of a public wrangle between District Attorney Jim Garrison and the National Broadcasting Co. over Garrison's conspiracy case, a criminal district court judge Wednesday reiterated his threat to issue contempt citations after the case is concluded.

Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr., to whose section of court the case of Clay L. Shaw has been assigned, announced that he is keeping a full file on all violations of his orders.

It was the third time Judge Haggerty saw fit to speak out on his court orders and guidelines prohibiting prejudicial statements that may influence the outcome of the trial.

It was thought that Wednesday's statement by the judge was in response to charges and countercharges between Garrison and NBC over Garrison's allegations that Shaw conspired to kill President John F. Kennedy.

Monday NBC presented a program impugning the testimony of several state's witnesses, including that of Baton Rouge insurance salesman Perry Russo.

Tuesday Russo staged a press conference in Garrison's office and attempted to refute the program.

However, Judge Haggerty

said that "several other persons have done things which would have caused me to act regardless," when a reporter questioned him about his press conference.

In a written statement released at the conference, Judge Haggerty described the conduct of some persons as deplorable and contemptuous of the court's orders.

"The obligation of this court is to see to it that the right to a fair trial is accorded its proper place in society," he declared.

"The prosecution and defense, and their supporters, whatever cloak they use, should rationally realize that the triers of the facts, the jury, have yet to be selected to try this case in open court subject to the stringent rules of criminal law and procedure."

Judge Haggerty also said that the news media has no code or board to punish violators, as the law profession has in its bar associations.

He also suggested that until the states adopt legislation on the conflict between the rights of free speech and fair trial the news media should "set up procedures and standards with penalty provisions for violations."