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NEW ORLEANS (UPI) --JIM GARRISON, THE FLAMBOYANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY WHO CLAIMED HE "SOLVED" THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, SAYS HE LOST THE CLAY L. SHAW CASE BECAUSE HE WAS FORCED TO PRESENT A MODERN "JAMES BOND NOVEL" TYPE CONSPIRACY IN A TRIAL BOUND BY OLD TIME RULES.

GARRISON, SITTING RELAXED WITH PIPE IN HAND, MADE HIS FIRST

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IBTAH RZNCE SINCE THE SHAW TRIAL THURSDAY NIGHT IN AN EXCLUSIVE WVUE-TV INTERVIEW. GARRISON SAID HE LEFT THE COURTROOM EVEN BEFORE THE JURY REACHED ITS VERDICT OF INNOCENT BECAUSE HE DID NOT INTEND TO MAKE ANY PUBLIC STATEMENTS NO MATTER WHAT THE JURY DECIDED.

IT TOOK THE JURY LESS THAN AN HOUR TO FIND SHAW, A RETIRED NEW ORLEANS BUSINESSMAN, INNOCENT OF CHARGES THAT HE CONSPIRED TO MURDER KENNEDY.

GARRISON SAID THE PROSECUTION LOST THE CASE FOR TWO REASONS:

--"A BAD TACTICAL DECISION WHICH I MADE."

"--"THE TREMENDOUS DIFFICULTY OF PRESENTING A DOMESTIC ESPIONAGE OPERATION IN AN ANGLO-SAXON COURTROOM."

THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY SAID HIS "TACTICAL" ERROR WAS WHEN HE DECIDED NOT TO PUT ANY WITNESSES ON THE STAND WHO HAD BEEN

IN TROUBLE BEFORE. HE INDICATED THAT THE WITNESSES NOT CALLED FOR THE SHAW CONSPIRACY TRIAL WOULD BE CALLED IN SHAW'S PERJURY TRIAL.

GARRISON HAS CHARGED THAT SHAW LIED UNDER OATH WHEN HE DENIED KNOWING EITHER DAVID W. FERRIE OR LEE HARVEY OSWALD, TWO ALLEGED CONSPIRATORS IN A NEW ORLEANS PLOT TO KILL KENNEDY. AT