

Tele Review

THE GARRISON REPORT: THE FIRST 90 DAYS

(Sat., 7-8 p.m., KHI-TV)

Unlike NBC's "expose" on District Attorney Jim Garrison's investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy, aired last week, this was a reportorial summation of the probe. Its tone was set at the opening when newsmen Bob Jones remarks, "Only time and a court of law will provide the answer."

This is the proper function of a tv news documentary, exploring the ramifications of a case such as this. What is not proper is for tv newsmen to arrogantly bring in a "verdict" on case pending in courts. So-called verdict involved Clay Shaw, acquitted by NBC, but not by the courts, as yet.

WFL-TV, New Orleans, produced this doc, which contains much which has been seen before on tv, such as press conferences involving the principal characters in this bizarre drama.

Garrison repeated his contention that it was not Lee Harvey Oswald who killed President Kennedy, but a band of anti-Castro Cubans formerly on the CIA payroll. Oswald, he reiterated, also was once on the CIA payroll, and actually was anti-Communist, not pro-Commie. CIA knows who pulled the triggers but won't release the info, contended Garrison. He assailed the CIA as "undemocratic and totalitarian." Asked about Shaw's part in all this, he refused comment, explaining he could make no statement before the trial.

Garrison flatly stated he knows who killed JFK, but added he couldn't find out from the CIA where they are now. Several of his critics were on the program, blasting him. But Garrison scoffed at the "bribery" charges hurled at him, denying them and asserting they were CIA-instigated. It was an interesting program, but one which left many questions dangling.

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