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Andrews 'Tired' of DA Charges; May Bring Suit

Warns Garrison to Stop Fooling with Him

Thrice-indicted attorney Dean A. Andrews Jr. said Wednesday night if District Attorney Jim Garrison "messes with me one more time, I'm going to charge him with malfeasance in office—and prove it."

Andrews, former Jefferson Parish assistant DA indicted for perjury by the Orleans Parish Grand Jury concerning what he called the "Jolly Green Giant's" presidential assassination probe, said he is tired of being Garrison's "whipping boy."

The colorful, corpulent Andrews said he is also weary of receiving "bills of information to keep my mouth shut" and "if I get to trial, he (Garrison) can pack up his bag and get out of town."

RECEIVED CALL

Indicted in connection with testimony he gave to the Warren Commission about a telephone call he received from a Clem Bertrand shortly after the death in Dallas of President John F. Kennedy, Andrews said the nature of the phone call rules out the possibility that Clay L. Shaw was the caller.

He said Shaw, accused by Garrison and indicted by the Grand Jury for an alleged conspiracy to murder Kennedy, was on the West Coast and the man calling as Bertrand was phoning locally—not long-distance.

Andrews said that various so-called secret Central Intelligence Agency and Federal Bureau of Investigation documents in Washington could readily be viewed in presence of a judge under court order, but Garrison has not made an effort to see them, preferring only to "yipe on" and discredit the CIA and FBI.

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The trial attorney said also

that three figures often mentioned by Garrison as wanted for questioning in the alleged JFK-death plot could easily be brought to New Orleans under the "interstate compact" but the DA has regularly failed to provide the proper papers.

Those extradited would have to be returned to their home states without prosecution after questioning, according to Andrews.

Addressing a meeting of the Young Men's Business Club of Jefferson at the Holloway House, Andrews waxed eloquent at times in his familiar "hip" or "cat" talk, relating the history of his involvement in the Kennedy-death investigation from the time he was "hit in the head with a nickel"—got the local call from Bertrand.

He told the Warren Commission, which said Lee Harvey Oswald was the lone presidential assassin, that Bertrand asked him to defend Oswald after Kennedy's death.

Of Garrison, Andrews said:

"You don't know how powerful a district attorney is," said the former assistant DA, who claimed that any assistant district attorney can so slant information in presentation to a grand jury so as to influence an indictment one way or the other nine times out of 10.

Andrews said a recent constitutional amendment on the Code of Criminal Procedure, in effect since Jan. 1, has resulted in the loss of over 90 per cent of a person's basic rights as related to grand jury indictments.

"Everybody who opposed him is hauled before the Grand Jury," said Andrews, "or else they leave the state, but those who cooperate live peaceably."