Clark Disturbed by Assassination Probe

Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark says he is "disturbed and saddened" by the way New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison is investigating the Kennedy assassination.

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Mr. Clark said yesterday he would be "very much surprised" if Mr. Garrison has any evidence of a conspiracy in the death of President Kennedy.

"I am disturbed and saddened that so much publicity, so much agitation, so much doubt is created," he said on TV (Face the Nation — CBS).

A New Orleans businessman, Clay Shaw, has been booked but not formally charged as part of what Mr. Garrison alleges was a "conspiracy to murder John F. Kennedy."

NOT ASKED

Mr. Clark said Federal

authorities have not asked Mr. Garrison for the evidence he may have in the case "in view of the attitude he has taken.

"But as of this time, and without real doubt, I would stand by (FBI Director J. Edgar) Hoover's remarks in November of 1966, that not one shred of evidence links any other conspirator to (Lee H a r v e y) Oswald in the assassination," Mr. Clark said.

Mr. Clark said he found it "curious" that Mr. Garrison has refused to turn over new evidence to the Justice Department.

"The assassination of President Kennedy has left a deep mark on the lives of all of us and is something we should be highly sensitive about and we should seek the truth in the most circumspect and cautious methods," he said.

HEARING

In New Orleans — attorneys for Mr. Shaw, 54, planned final legal maneuvers in a hearing today on the eve of their showdown with Mr. Garrison.

Purpose of today's hearing before a three-judge criminal district court panel was to permit Mr. Shaw's attorneys to present additional motions.

Tomorrow the same three judges will hear from both Mr. Shaw and Mr. Garrison at a preliminary hearing to decide if Mr. Garrison has enough evidence to bring Mr. Shaw to trial.

Mr. Garrison's office said, in an affidavit issued to obtain a search warrant for Mr. Shaw's home, that Mr. Shaw, Oswald and the late David W. Ferrie met at Mr. Ferrie's New Orleans apartment to conspire to murder Mr. Kennedy. (UPD)