

SALESMAN GETS JURY'S SUBPENA

Held Discussion with Oswald, He Says

A subpoena of the Orleans Parish Grand Jury was served Tuesday on a New Orleans truck salesman who said he had been approached by two men, one of whom called himself Oswald, about two weeks before the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Attorney G. Wray Gill, acting as a spokesman for Oscar W. Deslatte, said the pair had talked to Deslatte about the purchase of a truck.

When Deslatte recognized the name Oswald after the assassination he informed the FBI of his conversation with the two men, Gill said.

Meanwhile, one of the defense attorneys who represented Jack Ruby said he believes the Warren Commission was right. However, he predicted District Attorney Jim Garrison's assassination probe will result in convictions "on peripheral charges." Deslatte is slated to appear on May 10.

"I don't think it's right," said San Francisco attorney Melvin Belli, and added, "it is unfair. I believe the Warren Commission was right."

The West Coast defense attorney made his comments Monday at a Law Day dinner of the San Antonio Trial Lawyers Association.

Belli was the chief attorney

for Ruby when the Dallas night club owner was convicted of slaying Lee Harvey Oswald, named by the Warren Commission as the lone assassin of President John F. Kennedy.

Garrison has charged that retired businessman Clay L. Shaw conspired with Oswald and deceased pilot David W. Ferrie in New Orleans to murder Kennedy.

In Columbus, Ohio, Gordon Novel, the former New Orleans bar operator fighting extradition to New Orleans on burglary charges, is scheduled to be arraigned in municipal court today on additional charges filed by Louisiana authorities.

The 29-year-old Novel, also wanted for a Grand Jury appearance in the New Orleans Kennedy assassination investigation, faces a new charge of simple burglary. Earlier charges had accused him of "conspiracy to commit" the same burglary.

Novel was arrested in suburban Gahanna April 1 and has been free under \$10,000 bond pending determination of the extradition proceedings.

Louisiana Gov. John J. McKeithen officially requested extradition of Novel about two weeks ago, but Gov. James A. Rhodes' office sent the documents back because they were technically faulty.

Rhodes' office reported no new extradition request had been received as of Tuesday morning.