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Cuban Exile Charges Bar Owner with Slander

A Cuban exile who was involved in a street fight here with Lee Harvey Oswald filed a \$350,000 slander suit Tuesday in Civil District Court against a New Orleans bar owner who testified before the Warren Commission investigating President Kennedy's assassination.

Dr. Carlos Bringuier said in his suit that Orestes Pena, owner of the Habana Bar at 117 Decatur st., gave "slanderous and defamatory testimony" before the Warren Commission which portrayed Bringuier as "an enemy and traitor to the United States, a Castro sympathizer and a vulgar opportunist."

The suit said Pena's testimony appears in the report, "Hearings before the Presi-

dent's Commission on the assassination of President Kennedy," published in 1964 by the U.S. government printing office in Washington, D. C.

Bringuier noted in his suit that his attention to Pena's testimony was drawn by an article in the April edition of Saga magazine entitled "Kennedy's Murder—Buried Proof of a Conspiracy," and written by Herold Weisberg.

In the text of the magazine article, the suit said, certain defamatory remarks were made against Bringuier, quoting Pena's testimony to the commission.

The suit said a subsequent check of the Warren Report showed Pena testifying to the effect that Bringuier hated the U.S. as much as he hated Russia, used Spanish obscenities more than a dozen times when

referring to the U.S., favored Castro at the time of the Castro revolution in Cuba and used his association with Oswald to give himself (Bringuier) a big name when he returns to Cuba.

The suit also said such "malicious accusations" have exposed Bringuier to disrepute and ridicule and have crippled his future career and work.

Bringuier, who operates a French Quarter store, is a native Cuban who came to the U.S. after the 1959 Castro revolution.

In the summer of 1963, he became embroiled in a street altercation with Lee Harvey Oswald, who was distributing pro-Castro leaflets as a member of the New Orleans Fair Play for Cuba Committee. Oswald later was to be named by the Warren Commission as the assassin who took President Kennedy's life Nov. 22, 1963, in Dallas.

Bringuier is presently the New Orleans delegate to the Cuban Student Directorate, an anti-Castro group.

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