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DA Has Photo Showing Oswald in CAP Uniform

Garrison Blasts Action by
Federal Court

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District Attorney Jim Garrison Wednesday released a photograph of Lee Harvey Oswald in a Civil Air Patrol uniform, a photograph he claimed the federal government "tried to pick up" and suppress.

Garrison circulated copies of the photograph during a press conference in his office at which time he asserted there is no legal basis for the federal courts to prevent him from bringing Clay L. Shaw to trial.

Shaw has been charged by Garrison with participation in a conspiracy to murder President John F. Kennedy.

Garrison called the temporary restraining order of U.S. District Judge Frederick J. R. Heebe, preventing him from trying Shaw, "an outrageous and unprecedented interference by the federal government with the legal processes of the state of Louisiana."

LITTLE KNOWN BOOK

Referring to the photograph of Oswald, Garrison said it was contained in a little known book written shortly after the assassination of President Kennedy. He speculated that it was prob-



LEE HARVEY OSWALD
In CAP uniform.

ably given to the author by a member of the Oswald family.

Garrison claimed that the federal government purchased what it believed to be all of the copies of the book and then suppressed the picture.

Garrison would not identify the book by name, but he did say he obtained a copy of it which federal authorities apparently missed.

The Warren Report, which Garrison has attacked, mentioned that Oswald "was briefly a member of the Civil Air Patrol," but Garrison said that it was when Oswald joined the CAP that he was initiated into the Central Intelligence Agency by David L. Ferrie, another name that has received prominent play in the Garrison investigation of the Kennedy assassination.

Garrison also released a picture which he said showed Ferrie in fatigues at a CAP inspection or similar function. He did not identify any of the other individuals in the photograph.

LINK WITH FERRIE

The district attorney said the photograph of Oswald in uniform was probably taken sometime between 1955 and 1957 and links him with Ferrie, who was a CAP leader, and "a well-known, literally famous adventurer in the CIA."

"Whether Oswald was in the New Orleans squadron or the Moisant Squadron is unimportant," Garrison said, "because the two groups met together."

Garrison claims that Shaw, Oswald and Ferrie conspired to assassinate Kennedy and made their plans at a meeting here in Ferrie's apartment in 1963. Shaw has denied knowing either Oswald or Ferrie. Ferrie died in February, 1967,

a few days after news of Garrison's investigation into the assassination was made public.

Shaw was arrested on March 1, 1967, and after several legal delays Garrison's office finally set the trial for June 11. Shaw recently went to the federal court here asking that Garrison be enjoined from bringing him to trial.

TAKING DEPOSITIONS

Judge Heebe issued the temporary restraining order on Tuesday, and on Wednesday he signed an order allowing attorneys for Shaw to take depositions from the following persons:

—Assistant Dist. Atty. James L. Alcock and Anthony Sciambra.

—Dr. Esmond Fatter, who administered truth serum to Perry Raymond Russo, one of Garrison's main witnesses against Shaw.

—Lynn Loisel and Louis Ivon, investigators for Garrison.

—Sandra Moffett, Des Moines, Iowa, a former friend of Russo who has refused to come to New Orleans to testify.

TWO REASONS

Asserting that his office has received "an excessive amount of trouble from the federal government from the beginning" of his probe, Garrison said there are two primary reasons why the federal courts should not prevent him from trying Shaw.

—"The federal court has no legal justifications whatever for interrupting the scheduled trial at this time."

—"The federal government is a party with special interests in this case."

The DA added: "Our investigation has shown that the federal investigation was faked and the Warren Commission inquiry was faked to conceal the fact that President Kennedy was killed in a professionally executed ambush."

Garrison asserted that it is obvious that the federal government does not want it known that it conducted a fraudulent inquiry, "using altered evidence and false evidence to fool the people of this country," and he continued: "Therefore, it would be a much more objective inquiry in a court of the state of

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Ferrie in Fatigues at CAP Activity--DA



DISTRICT ATTORNEY JIM GARRISON Wednesday released this photograph which he said shows David L. Ferrie in fatigues (at right) during a Civil Air Patrol function. Garrison also released a photograph of Lee Harvey Oswald in a CAP uniform. He said the federal government has attempted to suppress the Oswald picture and he claimed that Ferrie initiated Oswald into the Central Intelligence Agency through the CAP. None of the other persons in this photograph were identified.

Louisiana, where the case belongs."

Referring to Shaw's going to the federal court, Garrison asked:

"Why is there such a sudden loss of confidence in the jury system, and why is there the urgent necessity for the federal government to interpose itself between the accused and the prosecutor."

INTERFERENCE CHARGED

Garrison alleged that the federal government has been interfering "with any honest inquiry in every conceivable way—from the threatening of witnesses at the outset to the monitoring of telephones to the use of a constant barrage of propaganda through national media in an attempt to discredit the inquiry."

He continued:

"In contradiction, we have made no critical or derogatory statements concerning Mr. Shaw. From the time he was charged, my office has been fair to him and none of his rights have been violated even inferentially. The members of

the press of New Orleans will bear witness to the fact that my office has refused to mention his name publicly. Just where is the 'reign of terror' which is supposed to justify this federal intervention?"

Garrison also said that if his case against Shaw is as fraudulent as his attorneys claim, "why not let him go to trial and be acquitted?"

The DA said his office has never had a case reversed "because we used improper methods" and he said the federal government is more interested in "power, not truth and justice."

Garrison said he has "no idea what kind of circus the federal government has in mind" and he added: "I don't think there is anything the federal government will not do to keep the lid on the grave."