

News Stories Tell Ferrie's Sordid Past

David William Ferrie's name first appeared in print here on July 12, 1954. The one-paragraph squib told of a talk he was to give before the Kiwanis Club.

In the 12 years intervening, newspaper headlines on stories carrying the Ferrie name grew larger and blacker. Finally, in death, he rated the banner headline on Page One. That was yesterday.

Here is a chronological list of newspaper stories concerning the former airline pilot who was a central figure in District Attorney Jim Garrison's probe into the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Dec. 9, 1955 — Airlines soon will be equipped with instrument panels containing only 11 instruments, Ferrie, then an Eastern Airlines pilot, tells the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

June 24, 1961 — Ferrie to speak on "The Recent Invasion of Cuba" before the Exchange Club of New Orleans.

Aug. 24, 1961 — Ferrie booked in Jefferson Parish with committing a crime against nature with an old boy and indecent behavior with three juvenile boys. Jefferson and New Orleans authorities claim the pilot used alcohol, hypnotism and the adventure of flying to lure the juveniles into committing indecent acts.

Aug. 26, 1961 — A search of Ferrie's home turns up numerous maps of Cuba and seven or eight World War I rifles with a quantity of ammunition. A juvenile tells officers he had flown to Cuba with Ferrie on several occasions. Ferrie asked another teenager to drive a Cuban citizen to Miami, police say.

Aug. 29, 1961 — Orleans Parish district attorney charges Ferrie with intimidation of a witness in connection with the crime against nature cases pending against him. Officers said a youth told them Ferrie threatened that "a Cuban friend

(of Ferrie's)" would take care of him if he didn't sign a paper saying he would not prefer charges.

(On Jan. 7, 1963, this charge was not pressed, or dismissed.)

Feb. 17, 1962 — Ferrie arrested and booked with extortion. Police say they received information that the former pilot allegedly threatened an unidentified person in an attempt to have him influence a witness in the crime against nature cases against Ferrie.

Feb. 23, 1962 — Judge Leo W. McCune of the Jefferson Parish juvenile court finds Ferrie not guilty on one of the five charges of indecent behavior with a juvenile.

(On Jan. 7, 1963, this charge was not pressed.)

Nov. 26, 1963 — The district attorney's office arrests Ferrie and books him with being a fugitive from Texas. Investigators deny reports that two other men arrested at Ferrie's apartment the same day were picked up at the request of the FBI and Secret Service. The men were identified as Patrick L. Martons and Roland Beauboeuf.

(On Nov. 5, 1962, the Jefferson Parish district attorney's office not pressed all charges against Ferrie.)

Nov. 27, 1963 — Ferrie, Martons and Beauboeuf released from custody after having been booked with vagrancy and held for investigation by the FBI and Secret Service. District attorney's office refuses to comment on the arrests.

Feb. 17, 1967 — Orleans Parish district attorney's office is pursuing an intensive investigation into circumstances surrounding the death of President Kennedy. The States-Item reveals Ferrie, booked in New Orleans as a fugitive from Texas just four days after Kennedy's murder, was kept under surveillance for the district attorney for a 24-hour period last month and was to have appeared before the Or-

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Feb. 19, 1967—Ferre's revelations to the States-Item that Garrison's chief investigator said in January the DA's office has "positively uncovered a plot in New Orleans to assassinate Kennedy. Supposedly I have been pegged as the get-away pilot in an elaborate plot to kill Kennedy," the pilot said.

Feb. 20, 1967—Garrison's lawyers, J. P. LeBlanc, representing the States-Item and The Times-Picayune, filed a motion for summary judgment and charges that publicity in the case endangered the lives of the principals.

Feb. 21, 1967—Garrison says arrests in his probe are "months away."

Yesterday—Ferre found dead in his apartment at 3330 Louisiana ave. pkwy. Police call the death "unclassified."

Today—Coroner reports finding ruptured blood vessel at base of Ferrie's brain. He said it caused a hemorrhage. Garrison says he had planned to arrest Ferrie next week.