

Bankers Ordered to Give Garrison Ferrie Records

Officials Are Instructed to Produce Data

Officials of two New Orleans banks have been ordered to produce records of the late David W. Ferrie in District Attorney Jim Garrison's office for use in his conspiracy case against Clay L. Shaw.

Subpenas were directed by Criminal District Court Monday to John E. Wax and Merlin J. Van Geffen, comptrollers and vice-presidents of the National Bank of Commerce and the Whitney National Bank, respectively.

The subpenas, served by deputies of Criminal Sheriff Louis A. Heyd Jr., resulted from court orders signed by Judge Matthew S. Braniff.

The orders instructed the officials to produce records of Ferrie's checking and savings accounts in Garrison's office at 10:30 a. m. Wednesday.

Ferrie, a former airline pilot, was found dead in his apartment on Feb. 22, four days after he was named to as a suspect in Garrison's investigation of the assassination of

President John F. Kennedy. Just seven days later Shaw was arrested and it was alleged by Garrison's office that Shaw, Ferrie and Lee Harvey Oswald had conspired in Ferrie's apartment at 3330 Louisiana Avenue pkwy. to murder Kennedy.

RUBY INVOLVED

It was later alleged that Jack Ruby, who killed Oswald in a Dallas court house, was also involved in the conspiracy.

The orders request the "original ledger sheet and signature card and any and all other documents, of any nature whatsoever, pertaining to" Ferrie's checking and savings accounts.

The orders said the documents were to be available for "inspection and copying," and that they were necessary for the state's case against Shaw.

Garrison has previously obtained records of Ferrie's telephone calls during 1963, except for November, which, he says, are not available.

Also Monday, the case of a National Broadcasting Co. news investigator charged with public bribery of state's witness

Perry Raymond Russo, was allotted to Judge Thomas M. Brahney Jr.

Judge Brahney had set a \$5,000 bond for the accused, Walter Sheridan, and issued an arrest capias Friday, the day the Sheridan charge was filed in Criminal District Court.

Sheridan was one of the producers of a recent NBC program critical of Garrison's methods of obtaining witnesses and evidence.

OFFERED HOUSE

Russo later said that Sheri-

dan had offered him a house and job in California, an expensive attorney and protection from Garrison to change his story.

Sheridan reportedly has called to New Orleans from Washington, D.C., and said that he will appear at the criminal courts building to post his bond this week.

INFLATION HALTED

BERLIN — German retailers say price inflation has been halted.