

Assassination 'Plot' DA Sees Delay in Arrests

New Orleans, Feb. 21 (AP)—Dist. Attorney Jim Garrison says he is clamping strict secrecy on his Kennedy assassination probe. Garrison estimates that arrests are "months away."

The New Orleans district attorney said he would even set up a special fund so he won't have to file public expense vouchers which give a clue as to the activities of his investigators.

Sweating under hot camera

floodlights, Garrison reiterated yesterday at what he called a final news conference that there "will be arrests, charges and convictions."

Garrison contends that a conspiracy was born here which resulted in the assassination of President Kennedy in Dallas Nov. 22, 1963.

The official report by the Warren Commission said Kennedy was shot by Lee Harvey Oswald—a former New Orleans resident—and that it found no credible evidence anyone else was involved.

Garrison's probe has stirred both interest and skepticism.

In Washington, Sen. Dodd (D-Conn.) urged that the Warren Commission reopen its investigation.

In Detroit, Sol A. Dann, a former lawyer for the late Jack Ruby, wired Garrison urging him to arrange for a federal or state grand jury probe.

Dann sent a similar wire to Louisiana Atty. Gen. Jack P. F. Gremillion, with the added request that an inquiry be made into "Jim Garrison's information or evidence."

Garrison has said he has no intention now of turning over his information to state or federal officials.

At the news conference, he said that "premature" disclosure of the investigation by New Orleans newspapers had seriously hampered the investigation. He barred reporters from the city's newspapers from the conference room.

"Remove 'em by force," shouted Garrison, when a Times-Picayune reporter refused to leave. "Throw them out if necessary." An aide pushed the reporter out of the room.

Asked if he thought any foreign country or any official was involved in the alleged conspiracy, Garrison said no. He turned away most questions with "no comment."