

The Far-Out Case in New Orleans

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FANTASTIC is about the only suitable word for the Kennedy assassination "conspiracy" case in New Orleans.

District Attorney Garrison's claim that he will prove others were in a plot with Lee Harvey Oswald to slay the President has been met generally with thunderous skepticism.

But he managed to convince three judges that he had enough evidence to justify the trial of a man he has under bond as an alleged conspirator.

Oswald is dead, shot by Jack Ruby, also dead now. Another man linked by Mr. Garrison also has died. One of the District Attorney's witnesses,

it was testified, was questioned after he had been subjected to hypnosis and a so-called truth serum. Another witness is an admitted user of dope.

Up to now, nothing has been produced to indicate the Warren Commission overlooked any vital angle in its intensive investigation. The FBI presumably ran down every clue, good, iffy or improbable. The sudden appearance of these witnesses after more than three years of silence doesn't lend credence to the story.

But then the whole case has been fantastic, gruesomely so. So any judgment now, despite the strange angles, would be premature.