

Garrison Charges Stir Wide Interest In European Press

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The statements by District Attorney Jim Garrison of New Orleans that he had evidence of a conspiracy in the assassination of President Kennedy have been given prominent display in some European newspapers.

While many newspapers in the United States carried the statement on inside pages, British newspapers have emblazoned it prominently on the front page.

But the real surprise has been the traditionally conservative Times of London. Under its new editorship, The Times has given the Garrison dispatches what many observers in London have considered sensationalized treatment.

Mr. Garrison's first statement of the alleged conspiracy was the lead on the front page of The Times, and many other dispatches have followed. Many have suggested strongly that there might be something to Mr. Garrison's contention.

Among the few skeptical accounts noted by correspondents of The New York Times in checking treatment of the Garrison statements in European newspapers was that filed from New Orleans by Anthony Howard, Washington correspondent of The Observer of London. In an article published last Sunday, Mr. Howard wrote:

"The New Orleans 'plot' has died in farce, and there is only one mystery left here now: why District Attorney Jim Garrison ever said there was one."

The press and radio in the

Soviet Union are alert to Mr. Garrison's allegations of a conspiracy. The Soviet press, reflecting official thinking, has never accepted the Warren Commission findings that Lee Harvey Oswald committed the assassination alone. The Soviet press has pushed the line that Oswald was the tool of a right-wing conspiracy.

As for Mr. Garrison's contentions, the Soviet press has made a special point of reprinting much material from foreign newspapers.

However, the New York correspondent of Izvestia, the Government newspaper, wrote last night that "as more and more facts and names connected with the murder in Dallas become known, nervousness in Washington is growing noticeably."

In Italy, the New Orleans developments are a front page story for most newspapers regardless of their political alignment.

The Communist-oriented Paese Sera ran a back-page banner regarding the arrest in New Orleans of Clay Shaw. It read:

"Jim Garrison is getting serious: Under accusation is the first of the plotters of New Orleans. Kennedy at Dallas was the victim of a plot. The arrest of Shaw destroys the Warren report."