

'Incongruity'

D.A.'s Doubts On Assassination

New Orleans

District Attorney Jim Garrison said yesterday he first began to have doubts about the assassination of President Kennedy after discussing with Senator Russell Long (Dem-La.) an "incongruity" in the sequence of the fatal shots. He indicated he is now convinced it involved a conspiracy.

Garrison told a news conference he would find, arrest and convict "individuals for being accessories after the fact, for having substantial knowledge of the conspiracy and withholding it and in other ways abetting it."

Arrests that probably were weeks away before the disclosures, he said, "now are most certainly months away."

DETAILS

He refused at the conference, at which more than 40 out-of-town newsmen showed up, to give details of any plot.

The New York Times reported, however, that a source in his office named a "suspect," asked that his name be withheld, and said one theory is that anti-Communist conspirators had planned to send Lee Harvey Oswald into Cuba to kill Premier Castro, then decided to go after Kennedy when Oswald was denied entry into Cuba.

Warren commission lawyers called the source's revelations nothing new, the Times said, and added that "a great stack of data had been collected on both the suspect and the theory."

Garrison did say none of the suspects were U.S. officials or agents of a foreign power.

REFUSAL

He refused admittance yes-

terday to the New Orleans States-Item and Times Picayune, the newspapers which revealed last Friday he was making his own investigation of the assassination. He called their disclosure "a monumental, probably historic, act of irresponsibility."

Garrison said he discussed the assassination with Long last November.

"He wondered about the probability of getting all these shots out of an inexpensive gun in a few seconds."

After the discussion with Long, Garrison said, he began looking into the matter. "All of a sudden the leads were coming in faster than we could handle them," he said.

His probe is going over ground not covered by the Warren Commission, Garrison said. "I think the investigation was unsuccessful and incomplete."

AREAS

"In setting up the Warren Commission and its machinery, there was no provision made for evaluation machinery. There was too much information about some areas and not enough about others."

Garrison said he has set up "a small task force of unusually competent police officers, assistant district attorneys and a private detective" to handle the investigation. "We have made progress. Arrests will be made and convictions will be obtained."

The remainder of the investigation, he said, will be financed from money borrowed from banks and "some contributions I think we'll receive."

Garrison said this would prevent New Orleans newspapers from checking expense vouchers in the clerk's office and determining where his investigators are going. The States-Item last week published records which showed his office has spent over \$8000 to date on its investigation.

If a break comes, Garrison said, he will talk first to publications and television networks "who have given us information."

Louisiana Governor John McKeithen said he has known of the Garrison investigation since Christmas. McKeithen said if Garrison should ask for any cooperation from the State, it would be provided.

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