

GARRISON SAYS THIRD TERM AIM

To Be Candidate for Re-election, DA Declares

By BRENT MANLEY

District Attorney Jim Garrison announced Wednesday night that he will be a candidate for his third four-year term in the Nov. 8 Democratic primary in New Orleans.

He told a jammed house in the small branch office of First Municipal District Assessor James E. Comiskey at 441 S. Jefferson Davis pkwy. that unless the federal government can "fabricate" a case against him to have him removed, he will again run for the office of district attorney.

Garrison was loudly applauded by the group, mostly members of the Mid-City Democratic Club, which met to hear the DA's address.

Garrison was first elected district attorney in March of 1962.

The DA said he could not elaborate on the federal government's efforts to remove him from office because to do so "would involve too much speculation."

PENETRATE OFFICE

He said, however, that government agents have penetrated his office, secured copies of his files and have questioned witnesses in the Clay L. Shaw trial, in which Garrison accused retired businessman Shaw of conspiring to kill President John F. Kennedy in 1963. Shaw was acquitted March 1 of this year, but still faces possible perjury charges made by Garrison in conjunction with his testimony in the Kennedy trial.

Garrison said he expects opposition, but did not name any possible opponents in the election.

Asked if he thought the famous Shaw trial would be an issue in the election, the tall DA replied:

"We've lost cases and we've won them. If they want to take a single case and make it an issue, they have the right to."

He added that his office has not lost a murder case in seven years.

The DA said, "We've built

powerful" and the individual means less and less.

Despite the government's efforts to "make a case against me in New Orleans," Garrison said, "We're not finished yet."

He said his office is still trying to bring Shaw to trial again, this time on the perjury charge. He would not discuss the case further.

When Garrison finished his speech, Comiskey, chairman of the Mid-City group, lauded the DA for his accomplishments in office and asked his group if it favored the incumbent. The crowd responded with a rousing cheer.

the best office possible and I should think they (opposition in the election) would have a problem" creating an issue in the Nov. 8 primary.

'JUST SPONTANEOUS'

Garrison said he did not expect to announce his candidacy so soon, but was prompted to because "the reception tonight was so warm, I had to."

He said he had planned to announce during the summer that he will run again. "It was just spontaneous because of the warm reception."

Before his announcement, Garrison spoke briefly on the Shaw trial, for which he became known throughout the world.

At one point during his address, a woman in the back of the small room shouted at Garrison, "You're a phoney." She was booed by the crowd.

"History will show that we were not wrong. Just be patient," he told the crowd, which cheered him throughout the address.

"There was a conspiracy to kill John Kennedy and part of it was in New Orleans," Garrison said.

The DA said his office "stumbled" onto evidence of the conspiracy and attempted to "catch the government" at "lying" to the American public.

NOT FINISHED YET

Garrison said, "I learned the hard way that you can't introduce a clandestine operation (the assassination) into an Anglo-Saxon court of law."

He said the government was caught in a lie and "responded with power," and added the U.S. is close to the point where the government is "all