

Garrison Aide Quits, Discounts Shaw Case

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NEW ORLEANS, June 26 (UPI)—The chief investigator for District Attorney Jim Garrison said today he was resigning and that Garrison should drop the assassination conspiracy charges against businessman Clay L. Shaw.

The resignation of William H. Gurvich was the first outward indication of any break in the District Attorney's staff since Garrison confirmed in February he was investigating the death of President Kennedy.

Gurvich was denied entrance to Garrison's office today when he tried to ask the District Attorney to take a new look at the investigation.

In New York last week, Gurvich said he had serious misgivings about the probe. He reportedly told Sen. Robert Kennedy, (D-N.Y.) that "there was nothing to it." But he denied the investigation was a hoax and said Garrison is sincere about it.

Shaw is free in \$10,000 bond awaiting trial for allegedly conspiring with the late David W. Ferrie and Lee Harvey Os-

wald to kill President Kennedy in 1963.

Garrison issued a statement later today saying "I'm sure that almost everyone will recognize Mr. Gurvich's statement as the latest move from the Eastern headquarters of the Establishment to attempt to discredit our investigation into the true facts of President Kennedy's assassination.

"It becomes increasingly apparent that elements of the Federal Government are absolutely desperate in their attempt to prevent the people of this country from finding out what really happened at Dallas."

Garrison also denied that Gurvich was ever his chief investigator.

As he announced he was going to resign, Gurvich said, "I am not a CIA agent," an apparent reference to Garrison's claims that the Central Intelligence Agency has been trying to halt his probe.

Gurvich added, "If I'm a double agent, it is because I'm working for Mr. Garrison's office and also working for justice."

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RESIGNS—Private detective William H. Gurvich, center, was barred from seeing New Orleans District Attorney Jim Gar-

rison yesterday by Garrison aide Louis Ivon, left. Gurvich later resigned as chief investigator for the District Attorney.