

COURT TABOOS TOPLESS ATTIRE

T.P. 8/4/67
Temporary Injunction Is
Issued by Judge

Under a court order signed Thursday, nudity from the waist up is taboo for the waitresses at the Jamaican Village Inn, 800 N. Rampart—at least for now.

Two waitresses in topless attire served drinks there Wednesday night for 20 minutes before being arrested by the police vice squad and booked with obscenity.

Civil District Court Judge S. Sanford Levy granted a temporary injunction requested Thursday in a suit filed by the district attorney's office.

His order also said that the defendants are not to remove "any personal or other moveable property from the premises."

PADLOCKING SOUGHT

The DA is further seeking padlocking of the place against any use for one year and also permanent prevention of the defendants' "practice of obscenity upon the said premises or elsewhere in the state of Louisiana."

The main defendant, Edward Centa, 884 Crystal, identified as the owner, is ordered to appear before Judge Levy at 10:30 a. m. Aug. 11 to show cause why the permanent injunction should not be ordered.

Five persons, identified as licensees, are also listed in the suit. One of them is Gordon Novel, whom DA Jim Garrison is seeking for questioning in his Kennedy assassination probe.

In the order signed Thursday, Centa is "enjoined and restrained . . . from permitting females on the premises with bare breasts until further orders of this court."

The suit states:
"On the night of Aug. 2, 1967, waitresses were employed in the said Jamaican Village and allowed to serve customers with their breasts completely bare

and further were allowed to walk about the establishment with such bare breasts.

ACTS ALLOWED

"These acts were allowed to take place by the employees and permittees of the said Jamaican Village after having been advised by the superintendent of police and the district attorney that said acts would amount to violations of our state and city laws."

The suit was signed by Garrison, First Asst. D. A. Charles R. Ward and Asst. D. A. John P. Volz.

Other than Novel, other licensees in the suit are Robert Songy, 2805 Bell; Jay Bennett, 211 Jules ave.; Frank Testerman, 5304 Canal Blvd., and Maria A. Terrio, 1980 S. Forest Lawn dr. All were to be served with papers with the exception of Novel.

On Wednesday night, the arrests weren't made until the waitresses removed "pasties" from their breasts.

Bennett, the manager, consulted his attorney just before this and said he would make a test case of the legal issue.