

Action Begun To Extradite Gordon Novel

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Orleans of the Ohio governor. Yesterday Novel volunteered to come back to New Orleans if he would be given immunity from prosecution. The DA's office turned down Novel's conditional offer. Novel also offered to come back if the Orleans Parish Grand Jury would guarantee him immunity.

TODAY IT WAS learned that grand jury foreman Albert V. LaBiche's reply to Novel's offer was "Conditions impossible."

Novel, wanted for questioning in connection with the DA's investigation of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, was arrested after Garrison had a warrant sworn out charging him with conspiracy to commit simple burglary of a munitions bunker near Houma in 1961.

On another front, DA Jim Garrison has a week to reply to a motion to quash a perjury indictment against Dean A. Andrews Jr., accused by Garrison of lying before the grand jury in its look at the assassination probe.

Andrews' defense lawyer, Sam Monk Zelden, filed the motion yesterday and said:

"All the indictment says is that my client committed perjury. They are supposed to set forth in the indictment where he perjured himself."

Andrews, a suspended assistant district attorney for Jefferson Parish, was charged with lying before the jury while testifying March 16.

WHEN ANDREWS ASKED that the indictment be quashed yesterday, the DA's office asked for a week's postponement of the hearing on the motion. Criminal District Judge Frank Shea gave Garrison seven days to an-

swer the motion and took under study another motion by Andrews to extend to May 1 the deadline for filing special pleadings.

Andrews figured in the official Warren Commission investigation of the Kennedy assassination. He told the commission he was asked by a man named Clay Bertrand to represent Lee Harvey Oswald in Dallas. (Oswald was named the sole assassin by the commission in its report.)

The FBI was unable ever to find a Clay Bertrand. Garrison contends that Bertrand was an alias used by Clay L. Shaw, former director of the International Trade Mart, and has accused Shaw of conspiring to murder the president.

Shaw, 54, pleaded innocent Wednesday to the charge during his arraignment. He will be the first man to go to trial in the Kennedy case.

IN ANOTHER development, Sen. Russell Long said here yesterday that he thinks the FBI probably has information which would prove what Garrison has been saying about a conspiracy.

Long said he does not think the Warren Commission conspired to withhold anything from the public in its report.

"They did their duty as the Good Lord showed them the light to do it, but they just signed a report handed them by the FBI," he said.

Garrison contends that Oswald, David W. Ferrie and Shaw met in Ferrie's apartment here in September, 1963, to talk over an assassination attempt.

The Warren Report said there was no credible evidence that a conspiracy was involved.

SENIOR CRIMINAL District Court Judge Bernard J. Bagert said yesterday that Garrison ought to hire more personnel if other cases are taking a backseat because of the assassination probe.

Garrison has not filed bills of information, a step in moving prisoners to trial, on about 300 cases. Of the 300, records show 190 made bond but 110 are still locked up at Parish Prison or central lock-up. Twenty-two of them appeared before a presiding magistrate as far back as January.

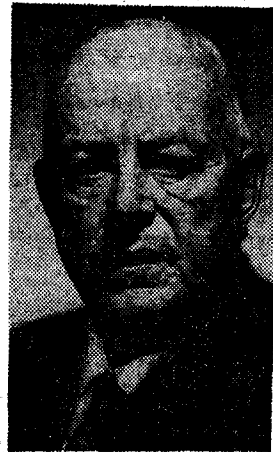
Judge Bagert said he would take action, except in aggravated cases, so that the 110 are able to make bond or

be released on a small bond on their own recognizance.

First assistant DA Charles Ray Ward said Garrison will make a statement about the cases later.

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volunteered to come back to New Orleans if he would be given immunity from prosecution.

The DA's office turned down Novel's conditional offer. An assistant DA said that Novel is in no position to bargain and that "we will get him back here on our own conditions."

Novel, described as an important material witness, is out on bond after being charged with conspiracy to commit simple burglary of a munitions bunker near Houma in 1961.

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