

Jim Garrison 'Gives Up' On Kennedy Plot Case

New Orleans

District Attorney Jim Garrison, pale and hobbling from a back ailment, said yesterday he is through trying to prove there was a government plot to assassinate President Kennedy.

After spending two hours testifying in federal court, Garrison also told newsmen he is thinking of ending his public career and has no further political ambitions.

He said "a strange glass wall" set up by the Federal Government has convinced him "we've gone about as far as we can go" in the assassination investigation.

He has tried, he said, to show the American people that the Federal Government killed Kennedy and then established "an artificial left-wing background"

around Lee Harvey Oswald to make Oswald the scapegoat.

"The actual planning was set up in Washington," Garrison said.

His surprise announcement that he is abandoning further investigation of the assassination came in federal court when attorneys for Clay L. Shaw tried to show the district attorney is prosecuting Shaw on a perjury charge to help the sale of Garrison's new book, "Heritage of Stone."

U.S. District Judge Herbert W. Christenberry asked if anything more would come of the four-year-old investigation.

Garrison said voluminous information not yet published has been collected and would "probably be put in the form of a public report to be is-

sued at least to the people of New Orleans."

Earlier yesterday Garrison repeated, under oath, his previous statements saying the Central Intelligence Agency planned the Presidential assassination.

He also told a federal court that the Justice Department, Federal Bureau of Investigation and Dallas police helped cover up the facts behind the murder.

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