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NEW YORK AP - New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison said Sunday that "we are going to have to defer any further arrests" until later, in his probe of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

But he added that "there will be other arrests and they will probably be before the trial" of Clay L. Shaw, New Orleans businessman accused by Garrison of participating in a conspiracy to kill Kennedy.

No date has been set for the Shaw trial.

Garrison contends the Warren Commission, a blue-ribbon panel which conducted an investigation following Kennedy's murder in Dallas, Nov. 22, 1963, was mistaken in its conclusion that Lee Harvey Oswald, acting alone, fired the fatal shots.

Appearing on the ABC radio-television program "Issues and Answers", Garrison summed up his conspiracy theory.

It goes like this:

-Kennedy was killed, not by Oswald, but by a group of conspirators made up of Latin Americans opposed to Cuban Premier Fidel Castro and of former employes of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency-CIA.

-Oswald himself was not a CIA agent, but "was obviously an intelligence employe of the United States government."

-The CIA, although not involved in the plot, "concealed from the Warren Commission, from the American people, from the President and from the world, the fact that its employes, its former employes, were involved in the assassination of the President."

Garrison repeated his call for a Congressional investigation of the CIA.

The conspiracy, Garrison said, included Oswald, Shaw, and the late David W. Ferrie, also of New Orleans.

Garrison has said also there was a link between Oswald and Jack Ruby, the man who shot Oswald to death in a Dallas police station, in view of millions of television watchers.

Garrison added he is "going to connect Ruby with the conspiracy and that is going to be very easy to do."

When Shaw was arrested last March 1, Garrison said, as he has ever since, that more arrests would be forthcoming.

Asked Sunday when they would be made, Garrison said:

“As a result of some experiences we have had—and I certainly don’t blame the press. Naturally, they want to know about an interesting matter like this, but our office was almost put out of commission as if it were bombarded by artillery. We are going to have to defer any further arrests to try and make them at a later date.

“But there will be other arrests and they will probably be before the trial.”

Asked how he would judge himself if, after all, he fails to prove his allegations, Garrison said “the question will not arise, because we have already proved it and we have the evidence.”

“But even if it were to, hypothetically,” he added, “my evaluation would be: at least I have made an attempt to find out the truth and so far as I know this is the first objective investigation by any official agency in the assassination.”

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