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NEW YORK AP - The National Broadcasting Co. said Monday night that New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison built his case against Clay L. Shaw on testimony that did not pass a lie detector test and that Garrison knew this.

Shaw, a retired New Orleans businessman, is under indictment there on charges of conspiracy to murder President John F. Kennedy, who was assassinated in Dallas in 1963.

Garrison disputes the Warren commission finding that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone as Kennedy's killer, contending that the assassination was the result of a conspiracy.

NBC said the results of Garrison's four months of public investigation "have been to damage reputations, to spread fear and suspicion and, worst of all, to exploit the nation's sorrow and doubts about President Kennedy's death."

Garrison, who sought in vain to block the showing of the network program, entitled "The JFK Conspiracy: The Case of Jim Garrison," said in New Orleans: "The frantic nature of this effort to derail the prosecution's case simply confirms the fact that my office has uncovered the true facts about Dallas and that there are men in Washington, D.C., who know it."

At the conclusion of the hour-

eng program, NBC commentator Frank McGee summed up: "We cannot say that the murder of John F. Kennedy did not happen the way Jim Garrison says it did. We cannot say he does not have the evidence to prove it.

"We can say this: the case he has built against Clay Shaw is based on testimony that did not pass a lie detector test Garrison ordered—and Garrison knew it. One prospective witness admitted he was going to lie."

Two key witnesses, Vernon Bundy, 29, and Perry Raymond Russo, 26, testified before a three-judge panel that Shaw, using the name Clay Bertrand, had conspired to assassinate President Kennedy.

On the basis of their testimony the judges concluded there was sufficient evidence to try Shaw.

NBC said Bundy, a narcotics addict, was in a prison hospital when he told another inmate that he was testifying for Garrison "because this is the only way I can get cut loose."

McGee said NBC had also learned that Bundy underwent a lie detector test prior to testifying and that the test "indicated that Bundy was lying."

He said an assistant district attorney was informed of this and that the official, in turn, informed Garrison.

"Despite this, Bundy was put on the witness stand by Garrison," said McGee.

The commentator said the testimony given by Russo, an insurance salesman, was even more vital.

McGee said: "Russo's answers to a series of questions indicate, in the language of the polygraph operator, deception-criteria. He was asked if he knew Clay Shaw. He was asked if he knew Lee Harvey Oswald. His 'yes' answer to both of these questions indicated deception-criteria."

Six days later, however, Russo testified as the chief witness against Shaw, said McGee. "The core of his testimony was his description of a party sometime in September, 1963. He said David W. Ferrie, Oswald and Shaw were there. Ferrie and Oswald are dead, Shaw was the defendant," he said.

In his statement, Garrison charged that NBC reporter Walter Sheridan suggested to Russo that if he wished to move to California before the trial, NBC would pay all of his expenses and protect him from extradition.

William R. McAndrew, president of NBC news, denied the charges Monday night saying, "Sheridan had no authority to do that. It had never been suggested."

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