

## KEY AIDE RESIGNS GARRISON INQUIRY

Investigator Quits in Fight  
Over Assassination Case

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NEW ORLEANS, June 26—The chief investigator for District Attorney Jim Garrison quit his job today in the midst of a dispute over the way the Kennedy assassination inquiry is being conducted.

The resignation of William H. Gurvich came only minutes after one of Mr. Garrison's aides barred him from the district attorney's office.

Mr. Gurvich had appeared at the office to tell Mr. Garrison that he should "re-evaluate" his investigation and drop conspiracy charges against Clay L. Shaw, the only person Mr. Garrison has arrested during his nine-month inquiry.

But he arrived to find Mr. Garrison and his staff angry over statements he had made during the weekend to The New York Times.

Mr. Gurvich told a Times reporter he had "grave misgivings" about the investigation and planned to tell Mr. Garrison as much at a conference today.

Mr. Garrison refused to participate in the conference, however, and released a statement calling Mr. Gurvich's comments "the latest move from the Eastern headquarters of the Establishment to attempt to discredit our investigation..."

"It becomes increasingly apparent," the statement continued, "that elements of the Federal Government are absolutely desperate in their attempts to prevent the people of this country from finding out what really happened in Dallas."

### Blocked by Another Aide

When Mr. Gurvich attempted to walk past a guard rail today and enter Mr. Garrison's office, his path was blocked by Louis W. Ivon, an investigator who had worked with both Mr. Gurvich and the district attorney.

"Have I been fired?" Mr. Gurvich asked.

"I don't know anything about that," Mr. Ivon said.

"May I come in?" Mr. Gurvich asked.

"No, you can't, Mr. Ivon told him. "The boss wanted you to wait outside."

Soon after this exchange, James Alcock, assistant district attorney, showed Mr. Gurvich to a back office. But Mr. Gurvich returned to the guard rail within 15 minutes and announced he was not going to wait any longer for the district attorney.

"I don't wait for anyone longer than a half hour," he said.

Mr. Gurvich did not explain why he felt that the assassina-

tion investigation should be re-evaluated, or why he thought the conspiracy charges against Mr. Shaw should be dropped.

His only comment on Mr. Shaw came when a newsman asked him if he felt the charges should be dropped.

"At this time, yes, I do," he said.

Yesterday, Mr. Gurvich told a Times reporter that he would "like to see more extensive and thorough searches made in the gathering of evidence to clarify questions that develop" in the assassination investigation.

"Up until now," he said, "this standard and professional method of criminal investigation was not always used in all phases of this investigation."

Mr. Garrison contends that his investigation has revealed a conspiracy to kill President Kennedy that originated in New Orleans. Mr. Shaw, a 54-year-old retired businessman, has been bound over for trial after a preliminary hearing at which Mr. Garrison alleged that Mr. Shaw, Lee Harvey Oswald and the late David W. Ferrie had plotted to kill the President. The Warren Commission concluded that Oswald was the lone assassin and said it could find no evidence of a conspiracy.

Although Mr. Garrison publicly congratulated Mr. Gurvich in February for his work on the assassination case and allowed him to announce the Shaw arrest four months ago, he denied today that Mr. Gurvich was his chief investigator or had ever been on his office's payroll.

### Garrison Statement

"Some months ago Mr. Gurvich, who operates a night watchman service, appeared out of the blue and offered his assistance to our investigation," Mr. Garrison said. "After a few months, he just as quickly disappeared from view."

"One of Mr. Gurvich's increasing complaints, however, was that he felt that he was not being given enough information about the investigation itself," Mr. Garrison said. He went on:

"One of the reasons we did not give him all of our information was that we soon learned that he was having meetings with Mr. Walter Sheridan, a former Federal investigator now working for the National Broadcasting Company. From that time on, Mr. Gurvich's assignments were limited to photography, chauffeuring and other technical work of a limited nature until he faded out of view about six weeks ago."

Mr. Gurvich, who operates a private detective agency, has worked for Mr. Garrison for several years as a "dollar-a-year" man. Mr. Gurvich told reporters that Mr. Garrison made him chief investigator at the outset of the Kennedy investigation and told him that he would be placed on salary. But, he said, he never received any salary.