

**GARRISON REBUFFED
ON CALLING WITNESS**

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 28 (AP)

—A Federal judge ruled Monday that a television newsman, Walter Sheridan, did not have to appear before the Orleans Parish (county) grand jury helping District Attorney Jim Garrison in his Kennedy assassination conspiracy investigation.

Judge Alvin Rubin of the United States District Court said that Mr. Sheridan would be forced to match wits with the District Attorney without benefit of a lawyer if he went before the grand jury.

At the same time, however, Judge Rubin denied a request by Mr. Sheridan, an investiga-

tive reporter for the National Broadcasting Company, and Richard Townley, a newsman for WDSU-TV here, to enjoin Mr. Garrison from prosecuting them on charges of bribing a key witness in Mr. Garrison's investigation.

Mr. Townley is also charged with intimidation of a state witness.

Mr. Sheridan and Mr. Townley filed a Federal court suit after their arrests, contending that Mr. Garrison had harassed them because they had been critical of his Kennedy investigation. Mr. Sheridan was subpoenaed by the grand jury after his arrest.

Mr. Garrison accused the two newsmen of trying to get his

witness to change their testimony.

Mr. Sheridan was an aide of Robert F. Kennedy, now a United States Senator from New York, when Mr. Kennedy was the Attorney General in his brother's Cabinet.

Powder Boxcar Explodes

CHICAGO, Aug. 28 (AP)—

A boxcar loaded with black powder exploded in the Norfolk & Western Railway yards Monday, and four small boys playing nearby were injured slightly. The powder, in bags, was being shipped to the United States arsenal in Rock Island. The cause of the explosion was not determined immediately.