

WINS SPECIAL AP AWARD

S-I Is Cited for DA Probe Reporting

The New Orleans States-Item was the recipient today of a special Associated Press citation for its exclusive story reporting District Attorney Jim Garrison's investigation of the Kennedy assassination and for subsequent investigative reporting in the case.

The States-Item also shared with The Times-Picayune a second citation for photo coverage of the Delta Airlines jet crash near New Orleans International Airport that took 19 lives and the highway crash which killed actress Jayne Mansfield earlier this year.

The two citations were among 37 honors announced at the Associated Press Managing Editors convention in Chicago.

ONLY OTHER Louisiana AP member to receive a citation was the Lake Charles American Press for its photo coverage of the explosion-fire

that ripped through the Cities Service Company oil refinery in Lake Charles in August.

Thirty-four citations went to newspapers and three to broadcasters. All were honored for exceptional coverage of the news in behalf of all members of the cooperative news service.

In the category of news stories, the States-Item was one of 16 newspapers in the country cited by the AP.

The award read as follows: "For aggressive enterprise work that broke the story of

District Attorney Jim Garrison's Kennedy assassination probe, and for subsequent investigative reporting in the case that provided several exclusive developments. All this material was made available quickly to The Associated Press, so other PMs (afternoon newspapers) could publish the material in the same cycle. Copyrighted stories were reserved for AP use only. For several hectic weeks, the Garrison story was big news around the world, and AP's coverage was greatly enhanced by the all-out coverage of the New Orleans States-Item."

The States-Item's story revealing Garrison's investigation was first uncovered by its veteran police reporter

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Feb. 17 and gained international attention.

almost every member of the States-Item staff participated in the coverage of the Garrison investigation.

The newsphoto citation to both newspapers reads:

"For consistently excellent photo protection, highlighted by extraordinary work on the crash of a Delta jetliner that took 19 lives and the highway smashup that killed actress Jayne Mansfield. Both stories broke during pre-dawn hours, and in both instances the newspapers' photo crews moved swiftly to capture the

tragedy on film. Both newspapers were involved in both stories. The pictures on the Delta crash won front page play around the country and were featured in an APME Photo Letter. The Mansfield tragedy occurred about 4:30 a. m. By 10:30 a. m. seven pictures had moved to illustrate the story, all but one from the New Orleans members. AP's coverage was a nation-wide sweep."

Each of the citations was signed by I. William Hill, APME president and managing editor of the Washington Star, and Burton H. Blazar of the APME Member Citations Committee, managing editor of the Star-Gazette, Elmira, N.Y. The citations were sent to George W. Healy Jr.,

executive editor of the States-Item and The Times-Picayune.

Other recipients of the award include:

NEWS COVERAGE

Akron Beacon Journal, Akron, Ohio; Belvidere Daily Republican, Belvidere, Ill.; The Cincinnati Enquirer, Cincinnati, Ohio; Star - Gazette, Elmira, N. Y.; Station KFAR, Fairbanks, Alaska; Station KFRB, Fairbanks, Alaska; Grand Forks Herald, Grand Forks, N. D.; The Greensboro Record, Greensboro, N. C.; News Journal, Mansfield, Ohio; Kalamazoo Gazette, Kalamazoo, Mich.; Marshall News Messenger, Marshall, Tex.; The Miami News, Miami, Fla.; Station WHWH Princeton, N. J.; Texarkana Gazette, Texarkana, Ark-Tex.; Washington, C. H. Record-Herald, Washington Court House, Ohio.

NEWSPHOTO COVERAGE

Columbus Evening Dispatch,

Columbus, Ohio; Detroit Free Press, Detroit, Mich.; Independent and Press Telegram, Long Beach, Calif.; Port Huron Times Herald, Port Huron, Mich.; Williamsport Sun Gazette, Williamsport, Pa.

NEWS AND NEWSPHOTO COVERAGE

Asheville Citizen Times, Asheville, N. C.; Anchorage Daily News, Anchorage, Alaska; Anchorage Daily Times, Anchorage, Alaska; The Brainerd Daily Dispatch, Brainerd, Minn.; Fairbanks Daily News Miner, Fairbanks, Alaska; Journal Herald, Dayton, Ohio; Dayton Daily News, Dayton, Ohio; The Detroit News, Detroit, Mich.; Globe-Gazette, Mason City, Iowa; Mesa Tribune, Mesa, Ariz.; The Milwaukee Journal, Milwaukee, Wis.; The Arizona Republic, Phoenix, Ariz.; The Orange Leader, Orange, Tex.; Rockford Morning Star, Rockford, Ill.