

### GARRISON BLASTS LBJ 'COVERUP'

New Orleans (UPI) - President Johnson "knows very well that Lee Oswald did not pull the trigger," Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison said yesterday, and charged Johnson and J. Edgar Hoover have kept the truth about the assassination of President Kennedy from the Kennedy family.

Garrison, asserting that at least 15 persons including right wing extremists were involved in a conspiracy to murder Kennedy in Dallas Nov. 22, 1963, said Johnson and the federal government are "protecting the assassins every day."

In a day of fast moving developments in his year-old assassination probe, Garrison said:

-- Oswald was working as a federal agent in November, 1963, and advised the Federal Bureau of Investigation of a

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plot to kill President Kennedy in Dallas.

— At least 15 persons were involved in the conspiracy, including right wing extremists.

— Communists were not involved in the plot.

— He fears the Warren Commission's secret documents may be changed before they are released to the public.

— He finds it unusual that three Democratic governors have interfered with his inves-

tigation by refusing to extradite witnesses to Louisiana.

— He did not know whether Gov. Ronald Reagan of California, a Republican, would extradite Edgar Eugene Bradley, the second man Garrison has charged with conspiracy in the assassination.

Garrison, blasting away at Johnson for not releasing the Warren Commission secret documents, said the federal government "is protecting the assassins every day."

"It must certainly be the first time in the history of the human race that the man who profited most from a murder was able, as a consequence, to be in a position to announce that the vital evidence could not be seen until after all living persons were dead," Garrison said.

"It is my feeling that President Johnson was not involved in the assassination, but wouldn't it be nice to know that he was not involved?" Garrison said. "We'll never know that he was not involved until he stops concealing the evidence."

Asked why the Kennedy family has not backed his investigation, Garrison said the family was not aware of a federal "coverup" because it was getting its information from Johnson and Hoover, the FBI chief.

The district attorney said the FBI had knowledge of the Nov. 22 conspiracy. He said an FBI telegram warning agents about an assassination attempt went to several FBI bureaus and went as high as Hoover. However, Garrison would not say how he could confirm such a telegram.

A New Orleans television station (WVUE), said Garrison based his information on a report that Oswald sent a telegram to the FBI from Dallas several days before the murder.

The station quoted Garrison as saying he could crack the case if a Western Union agent would reveal a copy of the Oswald telegram. But Garrison was also quoted as saying the agent feared for his life and would not release the wire.

In other developments in Garrison's investigation:

— The Los Angeles district attorney's office issued a fugitive complain against Bradley.

— Bradley's boss, conservative radio evangelist Rev. Carl McIntire, said in Collingswood, N.J., that his organization has been able to pinpoint Bradley's activities and show Bradley was nowhere near Dallas Nov. 22.

Bradley, who is the West Coast representative for McIntire's syndicated "20th Century Reformation" broadcasts, has denied any complicity in the assassination. He says he was on the way from Oklahoma City to El Paso, Tex., the day Kennedy was killed.

When he was told yesterday about the fugitive complaint, Bradley said he will surrender to Los Angeles authorities as soon as they "pick up a phone and call me."