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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.

In Los Angeles, Edgar Eugene Bradley, 49, West Coast representative of a radio evangelist, was arraigned today in connection with a Louisiana warrant accusing him of conspiring to kill President Kennedy.

Judge David J. Aisenson continued the case for 30 days pending extradition proceedings by Louisiana authorities. Bradley was ordered to come back to court Jan. 29 at 2 p.m.

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 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 investigation by refusing to extradite witnesses to Louisiana.

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.



SURRENDERS—Edgar Eugene Bradley, 49, of North Hollywood, enters the office of Los Angeles County sheriff today to surrender. Bradley is charged by New Orleans Dist. Atty. James Garrison of conspiring to kill President John F. Kennedy. Story on Page 3.—(AP)

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