

Bradley, Times fight Garrison

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Edgar Eugene Bradley of North Hollywood awaits possible extradition to Louisiana to face charges of conspiracy in the assassination of President Kennedy more than four years ago.

Bradley, 49, of 12208 Emelita St., surrendered voluntarily to Sheriff Peter J. Pitchess in Pitchess' office Wednesday.

He was arraigned on a fugitive complaint, opening the way for the governor of Louisiana to initiate extradition.

Although the Louisiana court set bail at \$10,000, Los Angeles authorities released Bradley on his own recognizance without bail pending an extradition hearing.

Bradley's attorney, ex-FBI agent George J. Jensen, asked Gov. Reagan's legal affairs secretary, Edwin Meese III, for "a full-fledged extradition hearing," vowing to fight his client's possible removal to Louisiana.

Jensen expressed hope the trial of Clay Shaw will be held in New Orleans before the Sacramento hearing on Bradley, Shaw is scheduled to go to trial Feb. 14.

In Sacramento, Meese said: "We grant hearings when requested... not on the facts of the case, but on legal grounds of the defendant's right to opposition."

Meanwhile, however, The Citizens' Committee of Inquiry, representing more than 20,000 Americans, urged Reagan Wednesday to swiftly extradite Bradley.

"Garrison's attempts to extradite three material witnesses have been blocked already," said Steven J. Burton, national chairman of the committee.

In a letter to Reagan, Burton stated: "You have long been an advocate of the rule of law and order. You have been against undue advantages for the defendant.

"It would be inconsistent, therefore, for you to give Bradley undue advantage by refusing to extradite him."

There was considerable indication, however, that Bradley may not be extradited. Statements from all California authorities connected with the case tended to display hostility toward Garrison and his charges.

The Los Angeles Times printed an editorial the day Bradley surrendered, urging Reagan not to extradite the suspect.

"No man," said The Times, "regardless of his background, should be railroaded to another jurisdiction simply to satisfy the whim of a headline-hunting district attorney."

The Times labeled Garrison's activities "bizarre" and suggested he should not be taken seriously, admitting, however, that "there could be no graver charge" (Continued on page 2)

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Bradley is West Coast representative of Dr. Carl McIntyre, a New Jersey fundamentalist radio evangelist noted for his extreme right-wing attitudes.

Meanwhile, The Free Press learned that Bradley is involved in extensive litigation with former members of the John Birch Society, indicating a possible link between Garrison's indictment and Bradley's mysterious conservative activities.

Mysterious visits to Bradley's home by persons claiming to be FBI agents also have been reported.

Bradley termed Garrison's accusation a "frame" and said "certain individuals have been trying to frame me for five years because I work with Dr. McIntyre."

These individuals apparently include three former members of the San Marino Regional Headquarters of the John Birch Society.

There are strong—and yet unanswered—indications that the charges and counter charges between Bradley and the Birch members stem from some mysterious disagreement.

Court records reveal that Bradley was charged with slander in 1966 by Mrs. Arthur (Carol) Aydelotte, 31, of 6542 Fulton Ave., Van Nuys.

Mrs. Aydelotte was involved in a Birch shakeup early this year which brought society founder

Robert Welch to San Marino.

She and former Congressman John Rousselot, JBS regional headquarters director and national publicity director, subsequently were expelled from the organization.

Last October, Bradley filed a counter suit charging he had been slandered by three persons connected with the society — Mrs. Aydelotte; Rev. Wesley Brice of 6451 Gaynor St., Van Nuys, and David L. Dosch, author of a bi-monthly newsletter addressed to Birch Society section leaders.

Bradley alleges that "on or about November of 1966" the trio falsely told the FBI that he was involved in death threats against Southland Congressional candidate Robert Kline.

Bradley said he was questioned at his home recently by a man claiming to be an FBI agent.

The agent told Bradley he was searching for a suspect on the "10 most wanted list" whose name resembles Bradley's. The agent left, Bradley said, convinced he was not the man.

Bradley also charges that in February of 1966, Mrs. Aydelotte and Brice told Glendale Rev. George Fuicke that Bradley was "... having immoral affairs with women, that his daughter was unchaste, and that he (Bradley) is a double agent, working for the Communist cause..."

In his counter suit, Bradley alleges that the three defendants "wrongfully conspired together in a scheme to injure and defame" him.

But he gives no reasons for such acts, leaving a mysterious question unanswered.

For many years, Bradley has been engaged in lecturing and collecting money for the Christian Beacon, Inc., an extreme right-wing evangelistic church council based in New Jersey and headed by Dr. McIntyre.

The ardently conservative Dr. McIntyre frequently has attacked the National Council of Churches, claiming it is "used" by Communists. He describes the United Nations as "a center for Communist espionage."

Bradley suggested that perhaps Mrs. Aydelotte, Brice and Dosch planted information about him with Garrison because of his connection with Dr. McIntyre.

After returning to New Orleans last week, Garrison said: "Like Clay Shaw, Mr. Bradley's name did not come up in the federal investigation of the assassination, nor is his name mentioned anywhere in the 26 volumes of the Warren Report inquiry into the case."

Specific charges against Bradley were not immediately disclosed.

Garrison noted that Bradley once initiated a Southern California campaign to elect J. Edgar Hoover as president.

Bradley consistently has denied any connection with the assassination of President Kennedy on Nov. 23, 1963.

He denies ever knowing Lee Harvey Oswald or Clay Shaw.

Bradley has said repeatedly that he was in El Paso, returning home by bus from a visit with Dr. McIntyre in Tulsa, Okla. when the shooting took place.

Garrison maintains, however, that "our information has led us to conclude that he was in Dallas."

Garrison has been in and out of Los Angeles several times

during the last two months. In November he registered at the Century Plaza Hotel as "Claude Culpepper." More recently, he signed in at the International Hotel as "Clyde Ballou." He says conspiracy charges will be filed against other Southern California residents.