

Hall Willing to Come to N.O.

Nothing to Hide, Says Probe Witness

Loran E. Hall, a California bartender subpoenaed by District Attorney Jim Garrison in the Kennedy assassination probe, said Tuesday he's willing to come to New Orleans.

He said that if Garrison gets a California court order to this effect, "I naturally will go to New Orleans. I have absolutely nothing to hide."

Subpoenas went out for Hall and two other persons last week. At that time, Hall said he wouldn't come to New Orleans voluntarily.

MAY SET DATE

It's also expected that a date will be set soon by California officials for an extradition hearing for Edgar Eugene Bradley. Garrison has charged Bradley, of Los Angeles, with conspiracy to kill President John F. Kennedy.

Hall, interviewed at his Kernville, Calif., bar, said he disliked the late President but denied any knowledge of an assassination conspiracy.

He said that President Kennedy "should have been removed from office by ballot, not bullet."

Garrison claims a connection existed between Hall and Jack Ruby, slayer of President Kennedy's accused assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald.

But Hall says he first saw Ruby "when I, like the rest of America, saw him shoot Oswald on television."

Hall said he was arrested in Dallas in Sept., 1963 and earlier in Miami because of his part in proposed raids on Communist Cuba.

CIA QUESTIONS

Hall, who said he was to take medical supplies and arms to the Cuban people, said he was questioned by the Central Intelligence Agency after his arrest.

Garrison, he said, is interested in him because he once told FBI agents he was present at a meeting in the home of Mrs. Sylvia Odio.

This meeting, described in the Warren Report on the President's slaying, involved a "Leon" Oswald. Mrs. Odio told the commission.

However, Hall said Tuesday

that he never attended any meeting like this. He said he told the FBI that because he was frightened.

Hall said he is "very hostile" to Chief Justice Earl Warren, Warren Commission chairman, because of his judicial decisions.

He described himself as a "militant conservative" and Oswald as a "communist."

Since issuance of the subpoena, Hall said he has received some harassing phone calls.

He said he's "concerned because of the unnatural deaths of so many people who have been involved in the assassination probe."

Hall admitted he knew Lawrence J. Howard Jr., also of Los Angeles, also subpoenaed with him by Garrison.

But he added that he has not

seen Howard since before the assassination, which occurred Nov. 22, 1963.