

Sahl to News Media: Be Objective on Probe

Comedian Mort Sahl, who said he has joined District Attorney Jim Garrison in his investigation of the Kennedy assassination, today called on members of the news media to keep an open mind about the death of the president.

Sahl said in a speech at the Press Club of New Orleans that the government is the "underdog" today when it comes to belief in the Warren Commission report on the shooting.

The most recent polls, he said, show that only 32 per cent of the American public believes in the conclusion of the commission.

He termed DA Garrison "the most important man in the country," saying Garrison is the only one who is trying to satisfy the well-founded curiosity of the other 68 per cent.

Sahl refused to comment on specifics of the case, but said that he got involved when some evidence was given to him in Los Angeles. He said he passed this information on to Garrison, became interested and came to New Orleans to do

what he could to help.

He continued that he is an unsalaried member of the DA's staff now and emphasized that he did not intend to be a spokesman for Garrison. "He speaks very well for himself."

Sahl added that he is involved simply because he has overwhelming personal desire to know killed the late president and why.

He said he is concerned that the public may never know everything that Garrison has uncovered and asked that the press be on guard to be sure the public learn the truth.