

Bartender Witness in JFK Probe

LOS ANGELES — (UPI) — Former anti-Castro lecturer Loren Hall says he heard talk about killing President Kennedy at a meeting in Los Angeles in September, 1963. Hall, recently a bartender at Keroville, Calif., called a news conference here to announce he will go to New Orleans to testify before a Grand Jury in the investigation by Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison of a possible Kennedy murder conspiracy.

Garrison has been attempting to extradite both Hall and Edgar Eugene Bradley, 49, of North Hollywood, Calif., the West Coast representative for radio evangelist Dr. Carl McIntyre.

Both men had been fighting extradition, but Hall said yesterday he now plans to travel to New Orleans next week.

"GUEST SPEAKER"

Hall said Bradley was present at the meeting in Los Angeles in 1963, where Hall was the guest speaker. He said he talked to Bradley, who questioned him about his contacts in the anti-Castro movement.

Bradley yesterday denied that he ever had met Hall or talked to him.

"Garrison or one of his people has obviously put words in his mouth, and just one month before my extradition hearing," Bradley said. Bradley's hearing has been scheduled June 5 in Sacramento, Calif.

Hall said the meeting at which he was a speaker took place in the home of a man he identified as "C. C. Wheat" at 233 S. Lafayette Park Place.

Local records indicate the house was occupied by a "G. Clinton Wheat" at that time.

"FBI AGENTS"

Bradley said he attended a lecture on communism given by an FBI agent at Wheat's house in "early" 1963, and later that year was a guest speaker at another meeting there.

A "Clinton Wheat" headed California chapter of an organization known as "the Committee of One Million Caucasians to march on Washington in 1964," in

which national Ku Klux Klan officials were involved.

Hall said another guest at his lecture was Col. William P. Gale, described by the Attorney General's office as head of the right-wing California Rangers.

Hall also told of a tape recording he said was made in Miami, Fla., on Nov. 9, 1963, during a meeting of a "bunch of states righters."

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One of the voices on the recording said the group had a man selected to kill Kennedy and another to be the "patsy," Hall asserted.

Voices on the recording, according to Hall, said "The same person has been gunning for Martin Luther King."

Hall denied that he ever knew James Earl Ray, also known as Eric Starvo Galt, named by the FBI as prime suspect in King's slaying.

Hall said three attempts have been made on his life since his involvement in the Garrison probe became known.

He said he now has two bodyguards, but declined to say who was paying their wages.