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NEW ORLEANS, MARCH 29 (AP)--DIST. ATTY. JIM GARRISON'S KENNEDY ASSASSINATION CONSPIRACY PROBE MOVES TODAY -- IN COURTROOMS HERE AND IN NEBRASKA AND THE ORLEANS PARISH GRAND JURY.

ATTORNEY STEVE PLOTKIN TRIES TO PERSUADE CRIMINAL DIST. JUDGE EDWARD HAGGERTY TO THROW OUT GARRISON'S WARRANT FOR THE ARREST OF GORDON NOVEL AS A MATERIAL WITNESS HERE.

IN OMAHA, NEB., LILLIE MAE MCMAINES -- KNOWN IN NEW ORLEANS AS SANDRA MOFFETT -- WILL DECIDE WHETHER TO WAIVE EXTRADITION AFTER HER ARREST AS A MATERIAL WITNESS IN GARRISON'S CASE.

MRS. MCMAINES, 22, APPEARS IN COURT TODAY SOLELY ON THE MATTER OF WAIVING EXTRADITION. IF SHE DECIDES TO FIGHT HER RETURN TO LOUISIANA, A PRELIMINARY HEARING WILL BE HELD APRIL 25 IN OMAHA'S MUNICIPAL COURT.

THE GRAND JURY HAS SUBPOENAED LAYTON P. MARTENS, 24, A ONETIME ROOMMATE OF THE LATE DAVID W. FERRIE, TO APPEAR TODAY.

GARRISON HAS CHARGED THAT FERRIE, LEE HARVEY OSWALD AND CLAY L. SHAW, A PROMINENT RETIRED NEW ORLEANS EXECUTIVE, CONSPIRED IN NEW ORLEANS TO MURDER PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY.

SHAW, 54, WAS INDICTED BY THE GRAND JURY LAST WEEK ON A MURDER CONSPIRACY CHARGE AND IS FREE ON A \$10,000 BOND.

A GARRISON AIDE SAID YESTERDAY THE TRIAL OF SHAW "AND OTHERS" IS AT LEAST THREE TO SIX MONTHS AWAY, BUT DECLINED TO ELABORATE.

PERRY RAYMOND RUSSO, 25, OF BATON ROUGE, GARRISON'S STAR WITNESS IN A PRELIMINARY HEARING FOR SHAW TWO WEEKS AGO, TESTIFIED HE HEARD SHAW, FERRIE AND OSWALD PLOTTING IN MID-SEPTEMBER 1963 TO KILL KENNEDY.

THE PLOTTING, RUSSO SAID, OCCURRED FOLLOWING A PARTY AT FERRIE'S HOME. RUSSO SAID SANDRA MOFFETT WAS AT THE PARTY AND AT ONE POINT REFERRED TO HER AS "THE GIRL I BROUGHT."

MRS. MCMAINES, WHO SAID SHE WAS KNOWN AS SANDRA MOFFETT IN NEW ORLEANS, SAID SHE DID NOT ATTEND THE PARTY AND DID NOT MEET FERRIE UNTIL 1965. SHE IS NOW THE WIFE OF HAROLD MCMAINES, 48, A PART-TIME OMAHA MINISTER.

NOVEL, 29, A FORMER FRENCH QUARTER BAR OWNER, WAS ORDERED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE GRAND JURY TWO WEEKS AGO. HE SHOWED UP WITH PLOTKIN BUT WAS NOT QUESTIONED. WHEN ANOTHER SUBPOENA WAS ISSUED LAST WEEK, GARRISON'S OFFICE DISCOVERED THAT NOVEL HAD LEFT TOWN.

GARRISON ISSUED A WARRANT FOR HIS ARREST AS A MATERIAL WITNESS AND ASKED THAT \$50,000 BOND BE SET. PLOTKIN WANTS JUDGE HAGGERTY TO REDUCE THE BOND IF HE DOESN'T THROW OUT THE WARRANT.

NOVEL HAS MADE SEVERAL APPEARANCES IN COLUMBUS, OHIO, AND WASHINGTON, D.C., TELLING NEWSMEN HE BELIEVES GARRISON'S PROBE IS "A FRAUD." OFFICERS IN OTHER CITIES HAVE NOT LOCATED HIM FOR GARRISON, HOWEVER.

MARTENS, FERRIE AND ALVIN R. BEAUBOUF, NOW 21, WERE ARRESTED BY GARRISON TWO DAYS AFTER THE NOV. 22, 1963 ASSASSINATION IN DALLAS, TEX., OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY.

POLICE RECORDS SHOW THE TRIO WAS BOOKED "RELATIVE TO VAGRANCY, UNDER INVESTIGATION OF SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES . . . HOLD FOR FBI AND SECRET SERVICE." FEDERAL AUTHORITIES QUESTIONED AND RELEASED THEM.

HUGH B. EXNICIOUS, A NEW ORLEANS ATTORNEY, SAID LAST WEEK BEAUBOUF IS THE INHERITOR OF FERRIE'S ESTATE. EXNICIOUS SAID HE INTENDS "TO SHOW THAT DAVID FERRIE HAD NO CONNECTION WITH CONSPIRING TO ASSASSINATE THE PRESIDENT."

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THE WARREN COMMISSION, NAMED BY PRESIDENT JOHNSON TO INVESTIGATE THE ASSASSINATION, CONCLUDED OSWALD, A NEW ORLEANS-BORN EX-MARINE WAS THE SOLE ASSASSIN. THE COMMISSION SAID IT COULD FIND NO EVIDENCE OF A CONSPIRACY ALTHOUGH IT SAID IT COULD NOT CATEGORICALLY PROVE THAT NO CONSPIRACY DID EXIST.

MEANWHILE, MARK LANE, THE NEW YORK ATTORNEY-POLITICIAN-AUTHOR WHO HAS BEEN ONE OF THE MOST VOCAL CRITICS OF THE WARREN COMMISSION FINDINGS, PREDICTED HERE "THE EYES AND EARS OF THE WORLD WILL PERK UP" WHEN GARRISON'S PROBE IS COMPLETED.

LANE CONFERRED YESTERDAY WITH GARRISON AND HIS INVESTIGATORS.

"I THINK THIS COUNTRY WILL LEARN MUCH WHEN THIS CASE COMES TO LIGHT," SAID LANE, AUTHOR OF THE BEST-SELLING "RUSH TO JUDGMENT."

"THE THING ALL ALONG HAS BEEN TO GET IT OUT OF THE PUBLISHING HOUSES AND INTO THE COURTROOM," HE SAID.

GARRISON DECLINED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS WHILE POSING FOR PICTURES WITH LANE.

"I HAVE NOTHING TO SAY, NOT BECAUSE OF THE COURT GUIDELINES, BUT BECAUSE I HAVE HAD NOTHING TO SAY FOR WEEKS," HE SAID. "MY COMMENT IS NO COMMENT BECAUSE I HAVE NOTHING I CHOOSE TO SAY."

JUDGE HAGGERTY, WHO WILL CONDUCT SHAW'S TRIAL, ISSUED ORDERS TWO DAYS AGO THAT THE PROSECUTION AND THE DEFENSE SHOULD REFRAIN FROM MAKING ANY STATEMENTS TO THE PRESS CONCERNING THE CASE.

"I HAVE LEARNED MUCH ABOUT THE ASSASSINATION IN TALKING WITH MR. GARRISON THAT I HAD NOT KNOWN BEFORE," LANE SAID.

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