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DA 'Plot' Probe Unfair, Claims Ruby Attorney

The defense attorney who represented Jack Ruby has predicted that Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's Kennedy death plot investigation will result in convictions "on peripheral charges."

"I don't think it's right," Melvin Belli of San Francisco, added. "It is unfair. I believe the Warren Commission was right."

Belli made his comments yesterday at San Antonio, Tex., where he spoke to a Law Day dinner of the San Antonio Trial Lawyers Association.

HE WAS THE chief attorney for Ruby when the Dallas night club owner was convicted of slaying Lee Harvey Oswald, who was named by the Warren Commission as President John F. Kennedy's lone assassin.

Garrison charges Oswald conspired with the late David W. Ferrie and 54-year-old retired New Orleans businessman Clay L. Shaw to murder Kennedy at Dallas in 1963.

Ferrie, a onetime airline pilot, died Feb. 22—five days after Garrison's investigation became public. The coroner said he died of natural causes. Shaw is free on \$10,000 bond here awaiting trial.

MEANWHILE, a hearing is scheduled at Columbus, Ohio,

tomorrow on a fugitive warrant issued by Garrison against a witness wanted in the investigation.

Gordon Novel, a 29-year-old former New Orleans bar owner, is scheduled to go to court there to show why he shouldn't be returned to New Orleans. Garrison has charged Novel and former New Orleans anti-Castro leader Sergio Arcacha Smith with conspiracy to burglarize an explosives dump at Houma in 1961.

Yesterday, another Garrison probe witness, Dean A. Andrews Jr., asked Criminal District Court to lift the lid of secrecy on Grand Jury inquiries into the case.

ANDREWS, A suspended Jef-

erson Parish DA's assistant, has been indicted for perjury in connection with the investigation.

In a motion filed with Judge Frank G. Shea, Andrews asked for all testimony taken in his appearance before the jury, plus the right to inspect all grand jury testimony in the case.

Andrews contended the defense needs the testimony in order to prepare his case. He told the Warren Commission a mysterious man named Clay Bertrand asked him to represent Oswald after Kennedy's slaying. Garrison has said Bertrand and Shaw are the same man. Andrews told grand jurors he could not connect the two.