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PLEA FOR INQUIRY ON GARRISON FAILS

Louisiana Attorney General Says He Lacks Authority

BATON ROUGE, June 23 (AP)—Attorney General Jack Gremillion of Louisiana said today that he has no authority to inquire into the conduct of the investigation by District Attorney Jim Garrison of New Orleans into the assassination of President Kennedy.

The Metropolitan Crime Commission of New Orleans has recommended that a special investigating committee be set up to look into the conduct of the investigation.

Mr. Gremillion said in an opinion to the Commission, "There is no authority within the law for such a procedure."

The only time the Attorney General can supersede a District Attorney is when the prosecutor is unwilling to perform his duty, Mr. Gremillion said.

"I have no evidence from Mr. Garrison or otherwise that he does not intend to perform his duties and, therefore, under the circumstances, I have no authority to comply with your wishes," he asserted.

A Matter for the Courts

Mr. Garrison has accused Clay L. Shaw, a New Orleans businessman, of conspiring with the late Lee Harvey Oswald and the late David W. Ferrie, a pilot, to kill Mr. Kennedy. The Warren Commission, appointed by President Johnson to investigate the assassination, found that Oswald, acting alone, had slain Mr. Kennedy and found no evidence of a conspiracy.

Mr. Gremillion said, "I think

thist matter ought to be tried in the courts, not in the newspapers, press or TV.

"I think Mr. Garrison ought to be allowed to try his case in the courts."

The opinion was sent to E. C. Upton Jr., president of the Metropolitan Crime Commission, and Aran M. Kohn, its managing director.

"District Attorney Garrison has not requested assistance from this office, and it is evident from the press releases that he is attempting to perform the duties of his office as he sees those duties," Mr. Gremillion said.

Aide Declines Comment

By ROBERT E. DALLOS

William Gurvich, the chief investigator in Mr. Garrison's investigation, refused yesterday to discuss any aspects of a meeting he had June 8 with Senator Robert F. Kennedy, brother of the slain President.

The National Broadcasting Company said Thursday night and Newsday reported in an article yesterday that Mr. Gurvich had told the Senator that the Garrison inquiry had "no basis in fact."

"I can't comment, I won't comment, I have no answer to your questions," Mr. Gurvich said in a telephone interview. "I have read the Newsday article, I won't talk about it. I can't clear it up."

Asked in New Orleans yesterday to comment on the Gurvich interview, Mr. Garrison said that the investigator had not been involved in the case for six weeks.

Frank Mankiewicz, the Senator's press secretary, conceded yesterday that Mr. Gurvich, who is a dollar-a-year man on the Garrison staff, visited the New York Democrat in his office in Washington on June 8.

According to the Kennedy

side, the session lasted for slightly less than an hour. It began in the Senator's office and then continued as the two men rode to the airport, where the Senator caught a plane for New York.

Leaves for Capital

Mr. Mankiewicz also refused to divulge the substance of the talks.

Mr. Gurvich, who operates a private detective agency in New Orleans, had been in New York since Saturday and for some of the time had been staying at the home of a cousin, Carl Gurvich, in Manhattan.

Carl Gurvich said late yesterday afternoon that his cousin had left for Washington.

In its interview with Mr. Gurvich, Newsday quoted the investigator as saying that the Senator was "extremely grateful" that Mr. Gurvich had gone to see him.

Newsday said Mr. Gurvich had "strenuously denied" a report that, in his talk with Senator Kennedy, he had called the

Garrison investigation a "hoax."

But the article said Mr. Gurvich had refused to deny that he had said there was no substance to the murder conspiracy case against Mr. Shaw.

"There's a difference between a hoax and saying there's nothing to it," he was quoted as saying.