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EDGAR EUGENE BRADLEY

'It's a frame'

Surprising Moves in 'Plot' Probe

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New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison's investigation into the assassination of President John F. Kennedy took one of its most curious turns yesterday while focusing on a North Hollywood man.

The development had three facets:

1—in New Orleans, his office announced that Garrison had filed charges of conspiracy to kill Mr. Kennedy against Edgar Eugene Bradley.

Bradley's arrest is "imminent," a Garrison spokesman said, and the towering district attorney himself was out of the city pursuing Bradley.

2 — An hour later, the Los Angeles Times found Garrison in a bar at the International Hotel here, where Garrison has been registered under an assumed name. The controversial prosecutor declined comment on any aspect of the matter.

"I'm not going to tell The Times a thing," he told a reporter.

3 — Fifteen miles away in

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his North Hollywood home, Edgar Eugene Bradley, 49, west coast representative for the head of an international church council, said: "This man must be nuts."

Bradley said he did not know Garrison or any of the principals in the investigation had never been approached by investigators about the assassination and considered Garrison's charges "an obvious frame."

CHILDREN

Bradley, the father of two grown children, said that the photograph Garrison's office released of the man against whom charges were filed was, indeed, a picture of him.

Bradley, a West Coast representative for Dr. Carl McIntire, the conservative president of the International Council of Christian Churches, summed up his reaction to the charges by saying:

"I'm as shocked as anybody — no wonder they've been saying his investigation is ridiculous."

He said he does not have the slightest idea where Garrison had obtained his photograph.

Bradley added that he had visited New Orleans, the city upon which Garrison's investigation has centered, only once: "My wife and I went through there on vacation the first part of April this year.

The day of the assassination, Nov. 22, 1963, Bradley said he was in El Paso, returning home by bus from a business visit with Dr. McIntire.

CONSPIRACY

Bradley is the second person to be charged by Garrison with conspiracy to assassinate Mr. Kennedy.

Clay L. Shaw, 54, former managing director of New Orleans' trade mart, was named in a similar charge last March. He pleaded not guilty and tentatively is scheduled to be tried in February.

Garrison said at the time of Shaw's arrest that other arrests would be forthcoming.

Garrison's investigation has revolved around his theory that a shadowy group including homosexuals, anti-Castro Cubans and CIA-

oriented conspirators, plotted in New Orleans in 1963 to kill Mr. Kennedy.

Bradley has a wife, a son, 19, and a daughter, 21. He scoffed at a report he was with the OSS in World War II and had CIA connections.

NAMES

Garrison, during the last two months, has been in and out of Los Angeles, registering under assumed names at hotels.

Upon his arrival here to make a speech in November, he signed the Century Plaza register as "Claude Culpepper." He was registered at the International Hotel near the airport as "Clyde Balou."

William Boxley, an investigator, accompanied the New Orleans prosecutor here.

Captain Ray Holt, head of the Los Angeles county sheriff's intelligence unit, said Garrison had made no attempt to consult his unit about Bradley, the normal procedure for out-of-state officers seeking to make an arrest in this jurisdiction.

OVERTURES

The governor's office in Sacramento reported that Garrison had made no extradition overtures to it.

Bradley, dark haired and of medium height and build, said "certain individuals who have been trying to frame me for five years because I work with Dr. McIntire" might have "planted" information about him with Garrison.

The New Jersey-based church council head is widely known for his radio broadcast, carried, said Bradley, over more than 600 stations nationally.

McIntire is an ardently conservative theologian, often accused by critics of being a fierce right-winger. He frequently has attacked the National Council of Churches, claiming it is "used" by Communists. He has described the United Nations as "a center for Communist espionage."