

Suspect Surrenders

L. A. Hearing for Garrison Target

Los Angeles

The North Hollywood man accused by New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison of conspiracy in the Kennedy assassination turned himself in to Los Angeles County Sheriff Peter J. Pitchess yesterday.

The surrender scene in Pitchess' office was less reminiscent of the dark days in Dallas four years ago than a toastmasters' regional convention.

Amid whirring television cameras and wall-to-wall newsmen, the sheriff genially shook hands with Edgar Eugene Bradley, 49, himself also smiling and amiable.

COMPLIMENTS

Then, before Bradley was arraigned on a fugitive complaint and released on his own recognizance, the sheriff, his attorney and he took turns complimenting one another.

"I appreciate your making this as convenient as you have," the sheriff told Bradley. By surrendering, Pitchess noted, "you have saved the taxpayers quite a bit of money."

The sheriff reminded the overflow assemblage that, after New Orleans issued an immediate arrest warrant last Thursday, Bradley had telephoned assurances that he would be available for arrest at Pitchess' convenience.

'TRUST'

For his part, Bradley told the sheriff he "appreciated the trust and confidence you have shown. Believe me, I don't have a thing to hide."

George J. Jensen, Bradley's attorney, was more to the point. He said he already had asked Governor Ronald Reagan's legal affairs secretary, Edwin Meese III, for "a full-fledged extradition hearing" on the presumption that Louisiana's governor would file papers shortly requesting Bradley's presence in New Orleans for prosecution.

Bradley is west coast representative of Dr. Carl McIntire of Collingswood, N.J., president of the American Council of Churches and an evangelistic radio broadcaster from New Hersey.

Bradley is the second man charged by Garrison with conspiracy in the 1963 assassination of Kennedy in Dallas. New Orleans businessman Clay Shaw is under indictment on charges of conspiracy to commit murder.

Bradley's attorney suggested yesterday that Garrison may have made the charges against Bradley "in order to be able to continue the Shaw case." He predicted that Garrison would ask for a continuance of Shaw's trial.

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JFK Case Extradition Appealed

LOS ANGELES — (AP) — Edgar Eugene Bradley sought an extradition hearing today to avoid a Louisiana trial in connection with the Kennedy assassination.

The final decision on whether the North Hollywood public relations man will be extradited apparently will be up to Gov. Reagan.

Bradley surrendered yesterday on a fugitive complaint based on a warrant accusing him of conspiring to assassinate President Kennedy.

The surrender came six days after District Attorney James Garrison of New Orleans ordered the warrant sent to Los Angeles.

"Believe me, I don't have a thing to hide," Bradley said.

Bradley was arraigned and released on his own recognizance. The hearing on the New Orleans fugitive complaint was continued to Jan. 29.

Bradley is the second person charged by Garrison in the 1963 assassination in Dallas. New Orleans businessman Clay L. Shaw is awaiting trial under an indictment of conspiracy to commit murder.

Bradley's attorney, George J. Jensen has asked Reagan's legal affairs secretary for a "full-fledged" extradition hearing on the assumption Louisiana Gov. John McKeithen will file a request that Bradley be brought to New Orleans for prosecution.



EDGAR BRADLEY (LEFT) AND PETER PITCHESS
Full house for an amiable surrender

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