

Marcello Tax Case Weighed By U.S. Judge

A U.S. Tax Court judge took under advisement today a civil case in which the commissioner of internal revenue has made deficiency assessments totaling \$189,000 in connection with the personal income taxes of Carlos Marcello and his wife Jacqueline.

Testifying briefly today before Judge C. Moxley Featherston of Washington in Federal Court here was Marcello, Jefferson Parish rackets figure. He told the court about the purchase of shares of the stock John Catrone of Morgan City owned in Churchill Farms Inc. for \$200,000.

CATRONE and his son, Camille, took the stand today and their testimony corroborated Marcello's testimony concerning the transaction.

Judge Featherston set July 1 as the date for submission of the statement of issues on the matter.

The proceeding is civil in nature and the government has made no allegations of fraud in the 20 deficiency cases against the Marcello family and corporations in which they are interested.

Yesterday afternoon, Marcello gave testimony before the court concerning his connections with the Town and Country Motel Inc., the Lebaron Corp. and Jacqueline, Inc., operators of motels in the New Orleans area.

MARCELLO testified that although his former residence at 577 Woodvine, Metairie, was in the name of his mother, Mrs. Louisa Marcello, he actually made the down payment and paid all of the mortgage installments and interest as well as taxes.

When it was sold he received the proceeds, he said. He now resides at 3008 Clifford dr., Metairie, said Marcello. The question of who actually made the payments on the Woodvine residence is an issue in the case.

William O. Lynch and Harold Friedman are attorneys for the IRS.

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State House OKs Assassin Penalty Bill

(States-Item Bureau)
BATON ROUGE—The Louisiana House today gave 96 to 0 approval for the late introduction of a bill placing stringent penalties on would-be assassins of public officials.

The bill, introduced after the deadline for filing, required two-third approval of

the House. It is authored by Rep. Robert Freeman of Plaquemine.

IT WOULD establish penalties of 20 to 30 years imprisonment for conviction and there would be no benefit of parole, probation or suspension of sentence.

Freeman told the House that the attempted assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy early today prompted him to write the bill.

Another aspect of the proposal would authorize district attorneys in the state, with consent of the attorney general, to pay up to \$10,000 for information on plots or acts.

Rep. James Smith of Farmerville suggested that candidates be listed as well as public officials.

THE LAW would prescribe the death penalty for persons

convicted of assassination.

Persons engaged in a conspiracy would be subject to imprisonment from 10 to 20 years without benefit of parole, probation or suspension of sentence.