



Garrison's Fiasco

OUR SENSE OF PROPRIETY has been put to severe test in recent weeks while awaiting the end of the dangerous, disgraceful and demeaning proceedings, conducted under the mask of law, in the Orleans Parish court room in the otherwise sensible and sophisticated city of New Orleans. District Attorney Jim Garrison has now had his hand called by a panel of steady-minded jurors, and we are free to comment upon his paranoid pursuit of a Kennedy assassination conspiracy plot over the last two years.

Garrison brought about near financial ruin to the acquitted defendant Clay Shaw, a man who had been enjoying comfortable retirement after an eminently respectable business and civic career until Garrison invented his conspiracy case.

THROUGH THE USE OF a strange collection of bums, perjurers, homosexuals and other social

misfits and bottom runggers, the New Orleans district attorney not only attempted to convict Shaw of plotting to kill President John F. Kennedy but also — and perhaps this was his primary motive — to bring discredit on Chief Justice Earl Warren and the Presidential Commission which he headed. This was a great disservice to the Nation. It is a tragic reflection upon the social uncertainties of the day that so many Americans were willing to believe Garrison in his discreditable contrivance of a politically-motivated prosecution.

Garrison's misuse of great power was supported by financial backers of substantial means in New Orleans. It is still incredible that no one in authority in the entire state of Louisiana had the nerve to cry halt.