

THURSDAY

Will Make Bid For Reelection, Garrison Says

District Attorney Jim Garrison, who became a national figure through his investigation of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, last night announced he will be a candidate for a third term as DA.

Garrison was addressing the Mid-City Democratic Club in the office of Assessor James E. Comiskey at 411 S. Jefferson Davis Pkwy.

The DA said he would run unless the federal government can "fabricate" a case against him to have him removed.

HE SAID HE could not elaborate on this qualification because it "would involve too

much speculation." He repeated charges government agents interfered with his Kennedy probe.

Garrison, DA since 1962, said he expects opposition in the race. Asked if he thought the Clay L. Shaw case would be in an issue, he said:

"We've lost cases and we've won them. If they want to take a single case and make it an issue, they have the right to."

(Shaw was acquitted March 1 of Garrison's charge he conspired to kill JFK.)

Garrison said his office has never lost a murder case and, "We've built the best office possible."

HE SAID HISTORY will show

he was right in the Kennedy case but added:

"I learned the hard way that you can't introduce a clandestine operation into an Anglo-Saxon court of law."

He said the government was caught in a lie and "responded with power." However, he added, "We're not finished yet."

After Garrison's speech, Comiskey praised the DA and asked his group if it backs him. The crowd cheered.

During the 1950s, Garrison's first political race was an attempt to unseat Comiskey as First District assessor. He lost.

The name La Paz means "The Peace."