

## Once Quit Over Gervais

# Klein Named Top DA Aide

Frank J. Klein, who quit as first assistant to District Attorney Jim Garrison in 1964 in a dispute over the then-

## BULLETIN

State Rep. James Strain, a Shreveport physician, today asked the Louisiana Supreme Court to reverse his conviction and 10-day sentence for contempt against the legislative Mafia Investigating Committee. Strain was expected to base his appeal on his contention that only the House of Representatives, acting as a whole, can cite members for contempt.

chief investigator, Pershing O. Gervais, today was named Garrison's executive assistant.

Klein replaces William R. Alford, who recently quit charging Garrison with mismanagement and fixing of Criminal District Court cases.

Gervais, a one-time close personal friend of Garrison, recently returned to the news as the government's chief witness against the district attorney and nine others charged with violating the Organized Crime Control Act through public bribery to protect pinball operators.

AT THE TIME he quit the district attorney's office Klein said it was up to Garrison to decide whether he want-

ed to retain Gervais or his first assistant.

Gervais is a former policeman who attracted national attention when he testified about payoffs to police by gambling interests in the 1950s.

He was named chief investigator shortly after Garrison's election in 1964.

Klein was at the Garrison home when federal agents raided the residence and arrested the district attorney. The agents recovered \$1,000 in marked money from Garrison's home at the time, claiming it was one of the payoffs made to the district attorney by Gervais.

Klein was called before a federal grand jury early this week about his role in the bribery investigation.