

Garrison Says Oswald Did Not Kill Kennedy

New Orleans District Attorney Charges CIA Is Blocking His Probe of Assassination

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison said Sunday night that Lee Harvey Oswald did not kill President John F. Kennedy and the CIA "knows the name of every man involved and the name of the individuals who pulled the triggers from the grassy knoll and the stone wall area."

He also charged that the Central Intelligence Agency "through devious ways and through intermediaries is actually paying lawyers to block the completion" of his investigation of the Presidential assassination.

Garrison said his investigation has been successful.

"We have learned what happened. We have even located photographs in which we have found the men behind the grassy knoll and stone wall before they dropped completely out of sight."

"There were five of them," he said, "three behind the stone wall and two behind the grassy knoll."

Commission Claim

The Warren Commission said it could find no evidence of any persons behind a grassy knoll or stone wall in Dallas although several witnesses made such claims.

"The point is," Garrison said, "the Warren Commission said nobody was back there and they had to say nobody was back there because not enough evidence was presented for them to make any other conclusion."

Garrison, who began his own probe last fall of the Nov. 22, 1963, slaying in Dallas, Tex., of Kennedy, said of the CIA, "what it's doing, it's a criminal act."

"And if the director of the CIA and the top officials of the CIA were in the jurisdiction of Louisiana, I would charge them without hesitation," Garrison

said in a 23-minute interview with newsmen Bob Jones on WWL-TV of New Orleans.

The station presented an hour-long documentary on Garrison's investigation Sunday night.

The flamboyant Garrison, this city's unorthodox prosecutor for six years, told Jones he would include CIA Director Richard Helms "because he has to know what he's doing."

The Warren Commission concluded that Lee Harvey Oswald, a New Orleans-born ex-Marine who went to the Soviet Union for 2½ years, acted alone in killing the President.

Oswald, who spent the summer of 1963 here before going to Dallas in October, was killed two days after the assassination by Jack Ruby, who has since died.

CIA Activities

Last March 1, Garrison arrested Clay Shaw, 54, a wealthy retired businessman, on charges of conspiring to murder the President. Since then, a grand jury has indicted Shaw on the same charge. He is free on \$10,000 bond.

"The Central Intelligence Agency began its criminal activities, in my judgment," Garrison said, "immediately after the assassination when they failed to reveal to the Federal Bureau of Investigation in its entirety what its activities were in New Orleans when Lee Oswald was working for it and it's

compounded them since by essentially criminal activities by making every possible effort to block our investigation." A spokesman for the CIA in Washington said the organization would have no comment on Garrison's remarks.

Asked if Oswald fired the fatal shots in Dallas, Garrison replied:

"No, Lee Harvey Oswald did not, did not even shoot President Kennedy. He did not fire a shot from the Book Depository Building . . . he did not touch a gun on that day. He was a decoy at first. And then he was a patsy and then he was a victim." This is how Garrison answered the next question about who did kill the President:

"Oh, I can say who did without any question, except, and we know the group and we know some of the names of the group. But we don't know which one was standing where and we can't find out with the CIA keeping its vaults locked."

Reported Ex-Employees

"They were former employees of the CIA. We managed to get the names of some of them in a way I can't describe here, but we cannot find out through any government agency where they are located now . . . and we have a stone wall there as far as the identification of the other individuals."

"But I can say the rest of them are Cubans who were training in New Orleans."

Death Probe Figure Wounded by Sniper

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—A radio station official told police Sunday that Gordon Novel, a figure in

New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's probe of the Kennedy assassination, was wounded by sniper fire here earlier in the day.

Police said they were investigating the report by Charles F. Walker, president of station WKDA. They confirmed, however, that five shots had been fired at a WKDA news wagon in which Novel was allegedly sitting.

Walker said Novel, 29, suffered a minor shoulder wound during a barrage of gunfire outside the apartment of WKDA news director Gary Edwards.

The radio official said Novel was in Nashville at the request of the station and had agreed to disclose information that "would blow the New Orleans investigation wide open."