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NEW ORLEANS (AP)—WILLIAM GURVICH, TERMED A "DOUBLE AGENT" BY DIST. ATTY. JIM GARRISON, WAS SUBPOENAED BY THE ORLEANS PARISH GRAND JURY TO TELL WHAT HE KNOWS WEDNESDAY ABOUT GARRISON'S INVESTIGATION OF THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION.

Grand Jury Foreman Albert V. LaMiche said he issued the subpoena for Gurvich Tuesday after receiving a telegram from the detective asking a chance to testify.

Gurvich's two brothers, Leonard and Louis, also were called. The three brothers operate a private detective agency.

A fourth subpoena went to Ed Planer, news director of WDSU-TV, which has figured in a series of charges and counter-charges between Garrison and the National Broadcasting Co.

Gurvich, who acted as chief investigator during the early part of the Garrison inquiry, severed his connections with the district attorney Monday. Gurvich told newsmen he feels President Kennedy's death was "solved long ago by the Warren Report."

Gurvich said Garrison had violated the rights of Clay L. Shaw and others in his investigation of President John F. Kennedy's death.

"Mr. Shaw should never have been arrested," Gurvich said.

Garrison has accused Shaw, 54, a retired businessman, of conspiring to murder Kennedy, who was slain Nov. 22, 1963 in Dallas, Tex.

A grand jury indictment charging Shaw with conspiracy and named Lee Harvey Oswald as a co-conspirator. The Warren commission said Oswald acted alone in the assassination.

Garrison, who presented evidence to the grand jury in the case, later said Oswald did not fire any shots in Dallas. Garrison contends the assassination was the work of anti-Castro Cuban exiles.

Gurvich came back to New Orleans from New York over the weekend and tried without success Monday to see Garrison.

Shortly afterward he announced his resignation.

"I will give evidence and I will give testimony," Gurvich said Monday night.

He told newsmen he has a master file on the case given him by Garrison.

"I expect to tell the grand jury everything I knew, and everything I tell them can be proven," Gurvich said.

Gurvich said he decided last January that there was something fishy about the inquiry. That was a month before the first public disclosure that Garrison was probing the assassination. Garrison says he began the probe last October.

Why didn't he quit in January?

He wanted to find out the whole truth, said Gurvich, and the "truth is that Garrison has no case."

Following Gurvich's official resignation, Garrison issued a lengthy statement saying the investigator was part of "the eastern headquarters of the establishment," trying to sabotage the probe.

Gurvich, said Garrison, had never been chief investigator for the district attorney's office, never was on the staff payroll and had not been connected with the Kennedy assassination probe for at least six weeks.

Gurvich said he was working on the case as recently as 10 days ago and interviewed a woman—he didn't name her—in New York in connection with the inquiry.

Asked if he had been Garrison's chief investigator, Gurvich replied, "Of course I was."

He said Garrison asked him to help in the investigation late last year.

It was Gurvich who announced Shaw's arrest to newsmen March 1. The district attorney asked him to make the announcement, said Gurvich, but "I felt very sick."

Gurvich said the first person he told about his misgivings was Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, D-N.Y. He said he felt "someone by the name of Kennedy should know the truth."

Gurvich, who operates a private detective agency here, also said he knew that his statements to news media violated guidelines set down by Criminal Dist. Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr., who will hear the Shaw case, but the magnitude of the situation made it necessary, he said.

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