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NEW ORLEANS (AP)-U.S. DIST. JUDGE ALVIN B. RUBIN MONDAY TOOK UNDER ADVISEMENT THE QUESTION WHETHER NEWSMAN WALTER SHERIDAN MUST TESTIFY BEFORE AN ORLEANS PARISH GRAND JURY.

THE GRAND JURY IS INVESTIGATING THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY.

SHERIDAN WAS SUBPOENAED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE GRAND JURY SHORTLY AFTER DIST. ATTY. JIM GARRISON CHARGED HIM WITH ATTEMPTING TO BRIBE ONE OF GARRISON'S WITNESSES, PERRY R. RUSSO, INSURANCE SALESMAN, OF BATON ROUGE.

ATTORNEYS FOR SHERIDAN, INVESTIGATIVE REPORTER FOR THE NATIONAL BROADCASTING CO., ASKED FEDERAL COURT FOR AN INJUNCTION AGAINST REQUIRING SHERIDAN TO APPEAR BEFORE THE GRAND JURY.

MILTON E. BRENER, SHERIDAN'S ATTORNEY, ARGUED THAT HIS CLIENT WOULD BE WITHOUT COUNSEL IN THE GRAND JURY AND THEREFORE MIGHT GIVE TESTIMONY THAT WOULD BE HARMFUL TO HIMSELF.

JUDGE RUBIN SAID THE PRINCIPAL QUESTION IS WHETHER SHERIDAN HAS EXHAUSTED HIS LEGAL RIGHTS IN STATE COURTS. THE STATE ARGUED THAT FEDERAL COURT DID NOT HAVE JURISDICTION.

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