

BLAMES 'PSYCHOTIC' OILMEN TOO

Dallas Police 'Elements' Tied to JFK Death by DA

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NEW YORK—New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison today charged that "elements of the Dallas police force were deeply involved" in the assassination of President Kennedy—which he said was ordered and paid for by "a handful of oil-rich, psychotic millionaires."

Describing the number of Dallas police as a small group and refusing to say how many "Texas style" millionaires were involved, Garrison, nevertheless, identified them all as extreme conservatives.

He also said "some members of the White Russian community" in Dallas played a part in the plot.

GARRISON MADE his latest charges during and after a radio interview taped today for a New York City program to be heard Tuesday evening.

The district attorney reiterated that he was ready to bring New Orleans businessman Clay L. Shaw to trial immediately on a charge of conspiring in Kennedy's death.

"John F. Kennedy was assassinated by armed ultra-militant, para-military elements who were patriotic in psychotic sense," Garrison said.

He said they decided to kill

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the President because they felt he was "selling out to the Communists."

HE SAID THERE were "considerably more than seven men" involved in the actual assassination in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963. He said they were radio-equipped and took virtually no risk of being caught.

"The connecting link at every level of operation from the oil rich sponsors of the assassination down to the Dallas police department, down through Jack Ruby and including anti-Castro adventurers at the operating level were Minute Men, Nazi oriented.

"It was essentially a Nazi operation."

Garrison said he could now reveal the latest developments in his controversial assassination investigation because his investigators were finished in Dallas and now safely in New Orleans.

HE SAID HE would have jeopardized their lives if he had mentioned the involvement of the Dallas police while the investigators were still in Dallas. He said his Dallas investigation had ended some 10 days ago and had taken several months.

Garrison promised to reveal during the first week of the Shaw trial his version of what happened in Dealey Plaza in Dallas on the day of the assassination.

He charged that Lee Harvey Oswald, named by the Warren Commission as the lone assassin of Kennedy, was merely implicated "to drag a red herring in front of the people really involved."

Central Intelligence Agency

GARRISON SAID Oswald was at the time a Central Intelligence Agency operator playing his part in the assassination thinking he was fulfilling another government's assignment. He called the CIA a "Fascist appendage to our country."

Garrison was careful to explain that the assassination did not involve most of the Dallas police department or conservative organizations. He said the few Dallas police involved along with others happened to be members of ultra-right wing groups.

McKeithen, MCC Huddle In Closed Meet

Gov. John J. McKeithen held a long closed-door meeting today with members of the Metropolitan Crime Commission.

The governor and the MCC leaders huddled at International House in a session that began at 10 a. m. and was still going well after 2 p. m.

A States-Item reporter who entered the room was asked to leave. A commission member said:

"This is a very important meeting for the crime commission and we feel for the governor, too."

THE MEETING was called to air the MCC charges that organized crime abounds in Louisiana.

McKeithen has denied that any organized crime exists in state government and says he doesn't know of any in the state.

However, the commission, headed by Aaron Kohn, assisted Life Magazine in preparing an article that reported instances of racketeering influences in the state.

Later today, Kohn was due

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to appear before the Orleans Parish grand jury in connection with District Attorney Jim Garrison's investigation into the same matter.

M'KEITHEN SAID earlier he intended to hold a conference with the MCC to hear what evidence the group might have to support his charges.

Shortly after the magazine article appeared, the governor met for four hours with MCC leaders in Baton Rouge. After that meeting, the governor announced that a newly created division of the state police would investigate organized crime influences.

Earlier, the governor had called the article a "smear" and said anyone responsible for it "should be run out of Louisiana."