

## GARRISON SCORED ON NEW CHARGE

Right-Wing Church Leader  
Defends Accused Aide

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COLLINGSWOOD, N. J., Dec. 21—Dr. Carl McIntire, a fundamentalist Protestant church leader and head of a syndicated right-wing radio program, denounced as "irresponsible, unsupported and wild" today an accusation linking one of his aides to the assassination of President Kennedy.

Dr. McIntire asserted that District Attorney Jim Garrison of New Orleans was using the "Communist line" in naming Edgar Eugene Bradley, a former Los Angeles businessman, as a conspirator in the murder of the President in 1963.

Dr. McIntire's defense of Mr. Bradley, who was described as a \$500-a-month fund raiser for the 20th Century Reformation Hour, hired in 1962, was expressed in a prepared statement and in answer to questions at a hastily called news conference in a ground floor room of the big Bible Presbyterian Church here.

Before the conference, aides distributed literature — one piece being a reproduction of the first page of *The Worker* for Nov. 26, 1963 — indicating that the Communist paper had blamed the "right wing" for the death of the President from the start.

"We know of no basis for any such accusation against Mr. Bradley, whom we know to be a very fine Christian gentleman," Dr. McIntire said. "Everything we believe and preached is against such methods of violence. Such methods belong to Communists and Nazis and not to Christians who love the Lord Jesus Christ."

### Speculation on Motive

In answer to a question Dr. McIntire said he did not know what Mr. Garrison's motives were in accusing Mr. Bradley. But he added that "sometime back" the District Attorney had said that the assassination was "a right-wing conspiracy."

"It looks like it is another attempt to discredit the right wing," he continued.

HE STATED THAT "this attempt to involve us in the assassination leads me to call immediately for a full investigation of Mr. Garrison's conduct, and particularly his sources of information, by the responsible state officials."

Dr. McIntire said he had recently talked by telephone with Mr. Bradley, and he had got the impression that his aide might have been the victim of a case of mistaken identity.

Dr. McIntire is president of the International Council of Christian Churches and a director of the American Council of Christian Churches. The international council embraces 122 Protestant denominations, he said, that are "seeking to resist the godless forces of Communism and their conspiratorial activity directed from Moscow, in the use of religion."

Mr. Bradley is the second person accused by Mr. Garri-

son of conspiracy to assassinate the President.

Clay L. Shaw, 54, former managing director of the New Orleans Trade Mart, was named in a similar charge last March. He pleaded not guilty and is scheduled for trial in February.