

### Garrison's Plea Denied

BAKERSFIELD (AP) — Superior Court Judge P. R. Borton rejected today New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's request that he order Loran Hall to return to New Orleans to testify in a probe of the Kennedy assassination.

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BAKERSFIELD AP — Kernville bartender Loran Hall learned Wednesday he will not have to return to New Orleans to testify in a probe of the Kennedy assassination but said he now fears he will be charged with conspiracy.

Hall, his skin yellowed by jaundice, heard Kern County Superior Court Judge J. R. Borton reject New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's request that he be ordered to appear before a New Orleans grand jury.

In his ruling, Judge Borton said Hall's categorical denial that he knew any of the alleged conspirators showed that he was either not a material witness in Garrison's investigations or that he committed perjury.

Garrison had issued a subpoena for Hall stating the Kernville man was in a "unique position" to observe events surrounding the assassination but Hall has denied that contention.

Prior to Judge Borton's ruling, Hall told the court he appeared against his doctor's orders and that he will enter a Los Angeles area veterans hospital Thursday for treatment of a liver ailment.

In an interview after the hearing Hall said he expected Garrison to try other means to get him to New Orleans. "I expect he may even file conspiracy charges against me," Hall said.

He said he feared for his life if forced to return to New Orleans because of his admitted guerrilla activities against the Castro government in Cuba.