

DA Amends Subpena for JFK X-Rays

Assistant Dist. Atty. James L. Alcock said today that he has amended a subpena requiring the United States archivist to give the DA's office secret photographs and X-rays of the body of President John F. Kennedy.

Alcock said the subpena had to be amended because the man on whom it was issued, archivist Dr. Robert H. Bahmer, no longer holds that position.

The assistant to DA Jim Garrison said that upon instruction of the U.S. marshal's office, the subpena was amended to require the current archivist, Dr. James B. Rhoads, to produce the photos and X-rays in the DA's office next Friday.

Garrison, in issuing the original subpena, contended the information is needed to prepare and present his case against retired New Orleans businessman Clay L. Shaw, whom Garrison has accused of conspiring to kill Kennedy.

The photos and X-rays wanted by the DA's office were taken during the autopsy on Kennedy's body the day he was assassinated.

Garrison said the material is needed because his office has gathered substantial information to indicate Kennedy was struck by bullets fired from three different directions.

President Johnson has ordered that all of the controversial material sought by Garrison remain sealed in the National Archives in Washington until the year 2039. Johnson issued the order at the request of the Kennedy family.

Mansusa 'Explodes' During Annual Fete

MANSURA, La. (AP)—For 5 1/2 weeks of the year this Avoyelles Parish community has a population of 2,000, but for that other half week its population jumps to 10,000.

The fivefold increase is due to visitors attending the annual Cochon de Lait festival, which started in 1960 when the town celebrated its centennial and has continued since. Cochon de lait is a French term meaning milk-fed pig, and as many as 130 pigs are barbecued to feed the visitors attending the celebration. Other events include religious services, a street dance and a contest to see who can eat the most boudin, a blood sausage that is a Cajun favorite.

PLIGHT OF ARCHIVIST

U.S. Storage Problem: Billions of Papers on File

By PATRICIA GORMIN

If you think you have storage problems, consider what you'd do with 12 billion pieces of paper to file annually.

That's the plight of Dr. James B. Rhoads, archivist of the United States.

AS HEAD OF the National Archives in Washington, D. C., and a network of regional records centers, his job is beyond the comprehension of most housewives and businessmen who are plagued merely by overstuffed drawers and closets.

In a speech prepared for the Archival Administration Symposium held today at the Sheraton-Charles Hotel, Dr. Rhoads emphasized the necessity of careful selection of documents to be kept for government agencies.

The address was read by Ivan D. Eyster of Ft. Worth, Tex., regional director of the National Archives and Records Service of the General Services Administration. Dr. Rhoads was detained in Washington, Eyster said, due to budget hearings.

ACCORDING TO the nation's chief archivist, the Ft. Worth installation manages the country's records "from the time they are created until they are destroyed as useless or earmarked for permanent preservation as part of the national treasury."

These records include textual documents, maps, photographs, sound recordings and microfilm, Dr. Rhoads pointed out. "They are records of any organized human activity that have enduring value," he said. "Government agencies must have ready access to the records of their accomplishments and obligations.

"They are absolutely not a luxury," he noted.

ALTHOUGH THE yearly plethora of printed matter occupies five million cubic feet of space, it is considered vital to the functions of the various offices from which it flows.

The archivist is responsible for the selection of what is to be preserved, and he "must provide an effective and responsive reference service," Dr. Rhoads explained.

To ease the monumental task, archivists are harnessing the computer to help in the selection and categorization of the materials.

DR. RHOADS said he hopes to expand the number of presi-

dential libraries. There are four in existence now and two others being developed.

He also plans to add to the number of federal records centers, and equip each with a complete set of National Archives microfilm publications. Each set costs \$250,000, he said.

Today's meeting was sponsored by the Society of American Archivists, the National Archives and Records Service and the Louisiana State Archives and Records Symposium.