

'JFK Death Plot'

The Garrison Probe Is Still All Charges

NE WORLEANS — (UPI) — In November 1966, District Attorney Jim Garrison began poking into what he implied might be the greatest scandal in American history.

Eighteen months later he is still probing and promising and the world is still waiting for his proof of a conspiracy in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Today there is still no indication when Garrison will back up his February 1967 statement that he had solved the assassination.

significance. The quiet, 55-year-old retired businessman has become almost a minor figure in the case.

What started out as a charge of conspiracy at a small New Orleans house party has turned into a blanket accusation of deceit and conspiracy against the federal government.

What started out as a criticism of Warren Commission ignorance has turned into charges that President Johnson, the CIA, the FBI, Attorney General Ramsey Clark, former CIA chief Allen Dulles, the Warren Commission and Dallas police have lied to the American people.

COAST TO COAST

What started out as an alleged conspiracy by Shaw, the late David W. Ferrie and Lee Harvey Oswald at a wierd party has expanded into an alleged coast-to-coast conspiracy involving homosexuals, anti-Castro Cubans, militant right wingers, CIA associates and numerous gunmen.

The list of persons accused or subpoenaed has extended from Florida to California, from New Orleans to New York.

Garrison has charged more than a credibility gap in his criticism of federal officials.

"To the men who got control of the American government on Nov. 22, 1963, every-

thing we have developed is old stuff," he said.

"The main function of the Warren Commission was to conceal the assassination of the President by an ambush of CIA employees," he added.

The scope of Garrison's charges has grown almost monthly popping up in subpoenas, petitions, news releases, news conferences and in favored publications.

He has constructed a pyramid of theories, one resting and dependent upon another. Attempts by newsmen to obtain details have met little success. Garrison has either refused to grant interviews or told newsmen he did not want to tip off his suspects or discuss the Shaw case while it is still under litigation.

OSWALD A 'PATSY'

The six-foot, six-inch district attorney, as absolute as he is tall, has said:

- Oswald was not a Communist, never fired a shot at Dallas, notified the FBI of the approaching assassination and was just a "patsy" for the murder team.

- Former CIA employees played a major role in the assassination.

- Anti-Castro Cubans turned on Kennedy after the Bay of Pigs invasion failed.

- As many as 15 persons were involved in the assassination.



JIM GARRISON
Where's evidence?

- Jack Ruby killed Oswald to silence him.

Proof bearing on all this is not likely to come out at the Shaw trial.

Garrison himself, in fighting a change of venue, has said he always kept his statements about the Shaw case and the assassination separated.

Although he has said he had solved the assassination, Garrison also said the Federal Government is hiding Warren Commission documents essential to his case. He has charged the papers may already have been tampered with to hide the truth of the assassination.

Even the long-delayed conspiracy trial of Clay L. Shaw, expected now this month or next, might not bring out much new about what happened in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963.