

Shaw Case Haunts Garrison Election Bid



JIM GARRISON

Linked to loan firm

NEW ORLEANS — (UPI) — District Attorney Jim Garrison still vowing to solve the Dallas assassination of President Kennedy, was involved in home town crime and scandal issues Friday on the eve of his bid for reelection.

The 6-6 Garrison was opposed by three young attorneys in the Democratic primary yesterday.

New Orleans voters also chose among 12 candidates for mayor in a primary that

has centered on growing crime and dwindling city finances.

All of Garrison's opponents — Harry F. Connick, Ross T. Scaccia and Charles Ray Ward — have criticized him for his assassination conspiracy charges against Clay L. Shaw, prominent New Orleans businessman who was acquitted by a 12-man jury.

His opponents also have criticized Garrison on other major issues, including the forfeiting of \$1.2 million in bail bonds, lack of a cam-

paign against organized crime and alleged involvement with the Louisiana Loan and Thrift Corp., now bankrupt.

Five persons, including Louisiana Attorney General Jack Gremillion, have been indicted for fraud in connection with that operation.

"I have never had any stock whatsoever in LL&T," Garrison said. Connick showed certificates which he said prove the district attorney had sizable holdings in the loan company.

Garrison said the federal government and news media were anxious to defeat him because he will not compromise in his investigation of Kennedy's death.

Connick is a former assistant U.S. attorney. Ward and Scaccia are former Garrison assistants.

Garrison contends Kennedy was not killed by Lee Harvey Oswald, but by a team put together by Cuban exiles and members of what he calls the "paramilitary right."