

Haggerty Asks Single Trial; Hearing Friday

A hearing has been set for 10 a.m. Friday on a motion by Criminal District Court Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr.'s attorney that three charges against the judge be consolidated into a single trial.

Criminal Court Judge Matthew S. Braniff has been asked to grant the request by attorney Robert Zibilich to effect a speedy trial in the case.

Judge Haggerty is charged with soliciting for prostitution, obscenity and resisting arrest following his arrest Dec. 17 in a vice squad raid on a party at the DeVille Motel, 3800 Tulane Ave.

Zibilich this morning moved that the court compel the state to reveal the names and addresses of participating informer witnesses prior to a hearing on a motion to suppress.

Judge Haggerty's attorney also filed motions for bills of particulars in all three misdemeanor charges.

In his motion to consolidate for a speedy trial, Zibilich stated that the alleged offenses occurred in one continuous time element and should be adjudicated at one court hearing.

In his brief, Zibilich asked if Judge Haggerty had been "dragged" back to the motel room after the arrest so that television cameramen could photograph the judge being apprehended.

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Letters to the Editor

Racial Wealth

Editor, States-Item:

I have just finished reading a letter written by Alexander A. Moret (Jan. 8). His words are but an example of the feelings of millions of people today. His answer to Mr. Gibbons' letter (Dec. 29) will undoubtedly bring disgust to many white readers. But, Mr. Moret, I assure you it was also enjoyed by many whites.

The people in this country who think they are being excluded from a voice in our government are ignorant of the laws and of the ways our country is run. The people in this country who will knowingly vote against a candidate because he is black are usually too ignorant or lazy to decide on a candidate for his qualifications alone.

I hope by the time my children are old enough to make their own decisions in life, the war on racism will be over. For the races in this country other than white, I feel pity — but

also admiration. To stand up against the odds they have had to face, a task most whites... would not have had the courage to do, had the shoe been on the other foot.

It is time for the people of this nation to realize that there is a great potential wealth in all races. When are we going to give the others a chance?

A.R.

His Finest Hour

Editor, States-Item:

I was most pleased to read that Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison received honorable mention in the "Most Admired Man" Gallup Poll for 1969.

Also receiving honorable mention along with Mr. Garrison were such other outstanding persons as Neil Armstrong, Henry Cabot Lodge Jr., Eugene McCarthy, Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, Dr. Christian Barnard, Charles DeGaulle, J. William Fulbright, Arthur Goldberg, Robert McNamara, Dean Rusk

and Charles Lindberg (to name a few).

When you consider the propaganda tactics that have been used against Mr. Garrison for the past two years and when you consider that the national news media in general and the local newspapers in particular have done everything in their power to destroy Mr. Garrison's credibility, I think that even you would have to agree that this is a truly remarkable feat and a tremendous personal tribute to Jim Garrison.

When the truth about the assassination of President Kennedy finally comes out, I sincerely believe that the whole world will owe a great debt of gratitude to Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison and to the people of New Orleans who supported him in what history will record as his finest hour.

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