

U.S. Judge Orders Garrison to Stop Prosecuting Shaw

NEW ORLEANS, May 27 (NUI)—A United States district judge said today that New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison had a "significant financial interest" in prosecuting Clay L. Shaw and ordered him to stop all legal proceedings against Mr. Shaw.

Mr. Garrison has said for years that Mr. Shaw had been involved in a conspiracy to assassinate President Kennedy, but a jury in 1969 acquitted Mr. Shaw on conspiracy charges.

Mr. Garrison then charged him with perjury, contending he had lied on the witness stand when he said he knew nothing of a conspiracy.

The order blocking Mr. Garrison from prosecution was handed down by Judge Herbert W. Christenberry, who said he had found Mr. Garrison had a "significant financial interest in the continued prosecution of Clay Shaw."

Judge Christenberry said this financial interest came from Mr. Garrison's book, "Heritage of Stone," which concerns his investigation of the Kennedy assassination.

"All I can say is that it's wonderful," said Mr. Shaw. "I haven't seen what the judge said. I just don't know what to say."

"This is the first that we've heard about it," said Assistant District Attorney Andrew Sciambra. "We're surprised at it. After Garrison reads the judge's decision I feel he'll have something to say about it."