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NEW ORLEANS AP - Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison, arrested Wednesday on a charge of taking payoffs to protect illegal gambling with pinball machines, has been in the spotlight since early 1962. It started in May 1962 when Garrison who ran as an independent on an antinarcotics platform, was elected district attorney. The main events in the public arena went like this:

May 10, 1962-Garrison names Pershing Gervais, a police detective ousted from the force, as his special investigator.

Aug. 27, 1962-Starts crackdown on French Quarter vice, begins running quarrel with city judges over cases resulting from the crackdown.

Nov. 1, 1962-Compares judges to the "sacred cows of India," accuses them of taking too many holidays while cases pile up.

Nov. 9, 1962-Judges file charge of defamation against Garrison. Convicted in state court, he is fined \$1,000. Carries fight to federal court.

Nov. 24, 1964-U.S. Supreme Court overturns defamation conviction, ruling that Garrison's statements were public criticism of public officials.

Sept. 10, 1965-Gervais resigns, saying he had become an issue in Garrison's campaign for re-election. Garrison wins second term.

Feb. 18, 1967-Acknowledges that he is investigating the assassination of President Kennedy, who was slain in Dallas in 1963; says shooting was result of a conspiracy set up in New Orleans.

March 1, 1967-Subpoenas Clay L. Shaw, a retired New Orleans businessman, for questioning. Shaw is arrested on a charge of conspiring to murder John F. Kennedy. Two dead men, New Orleans pilot David W. Ferrie and former New Orleans resident Lee Harvey Oswald, are named as coconspirators by Garrison.

March 23, 1967-Shaw is indicted after a pretrial hearing.

Aug. 4, 1967-American Civil Liberties Union asks U.S. Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark to investigate whether Garrison is misusing his power in connection with the Kennedy probe.

July 24, 1968-Shaw's effort to have federal court declare binding the Warren Report on the assassination is rejected. The report said Oswald was the lone assassin.

Sept. 28, 1968-In appeal to Supreme Court, Shaw accuses Garrison of conducting a "fraudulent and useless probe." Court rejects plea to stop state court prosecution.

March 1, 1969-Shaw is acquitted.

March 4, 1969-Garrison charges Shaw with perjury, contending he lied under oath when he said he never even met either Ferrie or Oswa

Nov. 9, 1969-Garrison is re-elected after a campaign carried on mainly by his supporters due to his ill health.

May 28, 1971-A U.S. District Court judge blocks further prosecution of Shaw on the perjury charge, terming it vindictive harassment. Garrison appeals.

June 30, 1971-Garrison, 48, is arrested and Gervais is named as source of much of the information in the affidavit issued by the U.S. attorney in filing the charge.

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