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Garrison Hit by ACLU

Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison has attempted to "convert a serious legal procedure into another three-ring circus" by filing criminal charges against U.S. Atty. Gerald J. Gallinghouse, according to the American Civil Liberties Union of Louisiana.

The ACLULA called upon "the entire legal profession to fulfill its responsibility to up-

hold public faith in our system of criminal justice in the latest crisis involving DA Garrison."

Said ACLULA president Dr. Herbert Rothschild Jr.:

"It (the legal profession) failed miserably to do so during the sordid sham of the Clay Shaw affair. And we believe that it must not look on silently again as Mr. Garrison tries to turn his own prosecution into a repeat performance."

Garrison has charged Gallinghouse and John Wall, head of a federal strike force on organized crime, with seven crimes, including malfeasance, public intimidation and inciting a felony.

Orleans Parish Grand Jury Hears Trapolin

Ivor Trapolin, former chairman of a mayor's commission on organized crime, was testifying today before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury.

Trapolin's appearance followed a recent appearance before the jury by attorney William R. Alford, former chief assistant to District Attorney Jim Garrison, who resigned several weeks ago, criticizing Garrison's operation of the DA's office and saying Garrison fixes cases in criminal district court.

There was no official explanation for Trapolin's appearance before the grand jury and he was not subpoenaed by the jury.

Trapolin said today the jury had requested that he appear.

Trapolin has long contended that organized crime flourishes in New Orleans.

Trapolin headed the committee on organized crime appointed by former Mayor Victor H. Schiro.

Prior to his appearance before the grand jury Trapolin delivered to the jury a 22-page statement with 39 exhibits attached.