

Plan by Bailey To Defend DA Is Confirmed

Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison has confirmed that Boston defense lawyer F. Lee Bailey will be his chief counsel in the federal government's trial of him on bribery and other charges. Garrison said Bailey will be assisted by Louis Merhige, a New Orleans attorney.

Speculation about whether Bailey would represent Garrison ended Saturday with disclosure of a letter from Bailey to Garrison, indicating he would handle the case without fee. Garrison's statement, later Saturday, confirmed the letter.

Garrison later said he called Bailey "because I'd gotten to know him casually over the years." He said he did not know if any other defendants in the bribery case would be represented by Bailey.

IN WRITING to Garrison, Bailey blasted the manner in which the defendants were arrested and what he called the "windy and completely unnecessary affidavit" outlying some of the evidence to be introduced. He said the federal prosecutors "have little concern for their ethics or your rights."

U.S. Atty. Gerald J. Gallinghouse today refused to reply to Bailey's remarks, "except to say that these are very uncharitable statements coming from such a charitable man. We want to be more charitable toward him than he has been toward the federal authorities. We look forward to seeing Mr. Bailey in court."

The district attorney said he has met with Bailey recently to discuss the matter. He said Bailey asked him not to make any comments on the case.

Garrison, police Capt. Frederick Soule, police Sgt. Robert Frey and seven others were arrested by federal agents June 30 and charged with illegal gambling, use of bribery to obstruct law enforcement, interstate travel of transportation in aid of racketeering and conspiracy.

Suggestion Hit For Gremillion To Probe DA

J. Minos Simon, a Lafayette lawyer running for attorney general, said here today suggestions that incumbent Jack P. F. Gremillion investigate Jim Garrison "are like asking Frankenstein to investigate Dracula."

Addressing the Press Club of New Orleans, Simon criticized suggestions by state Sen. William J. Guste and state Sen. George Oubre, who also are running for attorney general, that Gremillion investigate Garrison, as "hypocrisy."

Simon said Oubre and Guste had opportunities as legislators to initiate such an investigation themselves, not only of Garrison but also of deadheads and corruption in government.

He said that suggesting Gremillion, who is under federal indictment, investigate Garrison, who is under federal indictment, recalled memories of old-time horror movies that had monsters clashing with each other.

Simon also attacked the record of Gremillion, who he said has succeeded in creating "a tyranny in Louisiana where there is one set of laws for public officials and another for average citizens."

"Mr. Gremillion's failure to prosecute public officials under federal indictment, public officials accused of misdeeds by the legislative auditor and public officials accused of being deadheads has created a special sanctuary that has made public officials a different class than other citizens," Simon said.

The Lafayette attorney held that citizens should look for an independent candidate like himself rather than "professional politicians" like Guste and Oubre to replace Gremillion.

"We've got a professional politician in there now and look at the mess we're in," he said.