

# Garrison Is Indicted on Tax Charges

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NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 3—A Federal grand jury indicted Jim Garrison, the District Attorney of New Orleans, today on charges of filing false income tax returns and of conspiring to bribe law enforcement officials to protect illegal gambling.

The three-count income tax indictment, covering 1965 through 1967, was unexpected. The gambling indictment was a consolidation of four charges filed by the United States Attorney against Mr. Garrison on June 30 after a year-long investigation into his alleged connection with operators of pinball gambling here.

Mr. Garrison could be sentenced to 14 years in prison if convicted of all four charges filed by the grand jury.

Mr. Garrison, who once tried unsuccessfully to convict Clay Shaw of New Orleans in the assassination of President Kennedy, said in response to the indictments, "The greatest organized crime in America today is the ruthless use by our Federal Government of power against humanity."

### "Honor To Be Indicted"

He added: "It is an honor to be indicted by a country which has for so long concealed from its citizens the truth about the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and which has fought the efforts of any citizens to seek the truth."

The indictments were an-



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nounced in Washington by Attorney General John N. Mitchell and here by the United States Attorney, Gerald J. Gallinghouse.

The investigation was led by John Wall, head of the Justice Department's New Orleans organized-crime strike force, which has been looking into the coin-operated gambling machine industry here and in Chicago.

On Wednesday, the same grand jury indicted the Bally Manufacturing Corporation of Chicago, the world's largest manufacturer of pinball gambling machines, on charges of shipping the machines in interstate commerce to aid illegal

gambling operations in Louisiana. Bally's president and 12 Louisiana men connected with the same indictment.

Six of the same Louisiana men were indicted again today on the same conspiracy charge lodged against Mr. Garrison. Three others, including two former high-ranking police officers accused of accepting bribes, were also indicted today.

The tax indictment charged that Mr. Garrison reported income of \$35,670 in 1965, \$28,984 in 1966 and \$17,984 in 1967 while knowing that he had substantially greater income.

An affidavit filed with the original complaint in June said pinball operators had paid up to \$1,500 a month to Mr. Garrison and the two former policemen, Capt. Frederick A. Soule Sr. and Sgt. Robert N. Frey, to protect machines making illegal payoffs.

The Attorney General said illegal pinball machine gambling was a \$15-million-a-year racket in Louisiana.

The final link in the investigation, according to Mr. Gallinghouse, was Pershing Gervais, a shadowy New Orleans figure who was once a policeman and who in recent years has been a private investigator with friends in high places.

Mr. Gallinghouse said Mr. Gervais was the "conduit" through whom bribes were passed. Mr. Gervais has been living in an undisclosed place outside of New Orleans since the charges were made public in June.