

# FERRIE'S BANK

# RECORDS SUBPENNAED BY GARRISON

District Attorney Jim Garrison today subpoenaed the bank account records of David W. Ferrie, a former airline pilot who died Feb. 22, a few days after announcing

himself as a suspect in Garrison's Kennedy assassination probe.

Criminal District Court Judge Matthew S. Braniff signed the order, directing a vice-president of the Whitney National Bank to bring Fer-

rie's checking and savings account records to the DA's office at 10:30 a. m. Wednesday.

Ferrie, who lost his hair from a skin disease and wore a red toupee and pasted-on eyebrows, was found dead in his littered apartment at 3330

Louisiana ave. pkwy.

CORONER NICHOLAS J. Chetta ruled the death natural. Garrison said it was a suicide brought on by Ferrie's growing fear of the investigation. Three days before he died.

Ferrie telephoned the States-Item to say that Garrison would implicate him in the assassination and that the entire investigation was a hoax.

After Ferrie's death, Garrison named him as a conspirator in a plot which the DA said was hatched in New Orleans to assassinate the President in Dallas. He called Ferrie "one of history's most important individuals."

#### AS CO - CONSPIRATORS

Garrison has named Lee Harvey Oswald, charged by the Warren Commission as the lone assassin, Jack Ruby, the Dallas nightclub owner who shot Oswald, and Clay L. Shaw, retired New Orleans businessman now awaiting trial for the alleged conspiracy.

The subpoena was filed in the clerk of court's office by Asst. DA William R. Martin.

Directed to Merlin J. Van Geffen, comptroller and vice-president of the Whitney National Bank, the subpoena asks for "original ledger sheets and signature cards and any and all documents whatsoever pertaining to" Ferrie's savings and checking accounts.

**THE ORDER** said the documents were to be available for "inspection and copying" and stated they were necessary for the state's case against Shaw.

Garrison has previously obtained records of Ferrie's telephone calls during 1963, except for the month of November, which, he says, are not available.

In other action in the probe today, the bribery charge against television news investigator Walter Sheridan was allotted to Judge Thomas M. Brahney, who earlier set Sheridan's bond at \$5,000.

**SHERIDAN**, ONE of the producers of the National Broadcasting Corp.'s recent "White Paper" report, a critical examination of Garrison's office last Friday with public bribery of the DA's witnesses in the Shaw case.

The NBC broadcast alleged that members of Garrison's staff had bribed and threatened some witnesses and had hypnotized another witness, Perry R. Russo.

After the broadcast, however, Russo contended that

Sheridan had offered him a house and a job in California, an expensive attorney and protection from Garrison if Russo would change his story.

IT WAS ON the basis of  
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## Planes--

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our lesson and would not again become involved in Africa affairs," Mansfield said. "From little acorns like this sometimes mighty oaks grow."

President Joseph Mobutu had asked for U.S. help. The mercenaries reportedly are committed to former Premier Moïse Tshombe.

Johnson's decision was disclosed yesterday by the State Department, which said the planes will provide long-range logistic support for the Congolese government "in meeting the mercenary-led rebellion." The department said the planes will be in a noncombatant status.

**THE FOUR-ENGINE C130** planes normally carry crews of four or five men but left with a total of 60 to 70 men. The Pentagon said the extra personnel includes mechanics and a platoon of paratroopers to act as plane guards.

The planes are based at Pope Air Force Base, N. C.

Johnson's decision in favor of limited U.S. intervention in The Congo dispute appeared to involve considerations beyond the immediate problem of the mercenaries. He apparently wanted to underline U.S. backing of Mobutu's government, which has widespread support among African states.

**IN ADDITION** to striving to reinforce U.S. standing in Africa, the move also appeared to be an attempt to offset any Communist efforts to gain from the present trouble.