

New Orleans Inquiry

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Garrison Arrests

Leading Businessman

NEW ORLEANS, La. (UPI) — A New Orleans business leader described by an associate as an "admirer" of President Kennedy was arrested Wednesday in Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's investigation of the Kennedy assassination and booked on a charge of "conspiracy to commit murder."

Garrison said he would file an information detailing the charge, probably Thursday, charging Clay Shaw, 54, "with participation in a conspiracy to murder John F. Kennedy."

The 6-foot-4-inch Shaw, a well-known New Orleans resident, was booked at New Orleans' central lockup three hours after

Clay Shaw not known to Dallas officials, Page 12A.

his arrest was announced, and then released on \$10,000 bond.

SHAW, WHO retired as managing director of the New Orleans International Trade Mart in 1965, was subpoenaed by Garrison and questioned for more than four and one half hours before his arrest was announced.

"Mr. Shaw will be charged with participation in a conspiracy to murder John F. Kennedy," Garrison said in a statement handed to reporters at his office.

A former associate of Shaw's at the trade mart, Jesse Core, now a New Orleans public relations man, described him as "a political liberal very admiring of President Kennedy" who wore a Kennedy button in the election of 1960.

Shaw was followed by hordes of reporters as he was taken from Garrison's office to the New Orleans central lockup, and as he made bond and left shortly after 10 p.m.

Accompanied by his lawyer, Edward Wegmann, he looked straight ahead and said nothing to anyone, except to tell the officer at the release desk, "Thank you," when he left.

Shaw, a robust man with silvery hair and blue eyes, and a decorated soldier in World War II, wore a neat brown suit and striped tie. He was visibly shaken.

GARRISON DID not elaborate on Shaw's alleged connection with the conspiracy the district attorney says he has uncovered in New Orleans preceding the Kennedy assassination in Dallas Nov. 22, 1963.

Shaw and James R. Lewallen, 38, a quality control inspector for the Boeing Co. at a Saturn rocket plant in New Orleans, were the first two men subpoenaed in the probe.

Lewallen left the district attorney's office after lengthy questioning earlier Wednesday.

Shaw was questioned for more than four and one-half hours. At 6:30 p.m., aides in Garrison's office handed the statement to reporters: It said:

"The first arrest has been made in the investigation of the New Orleans district attorney's office into the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

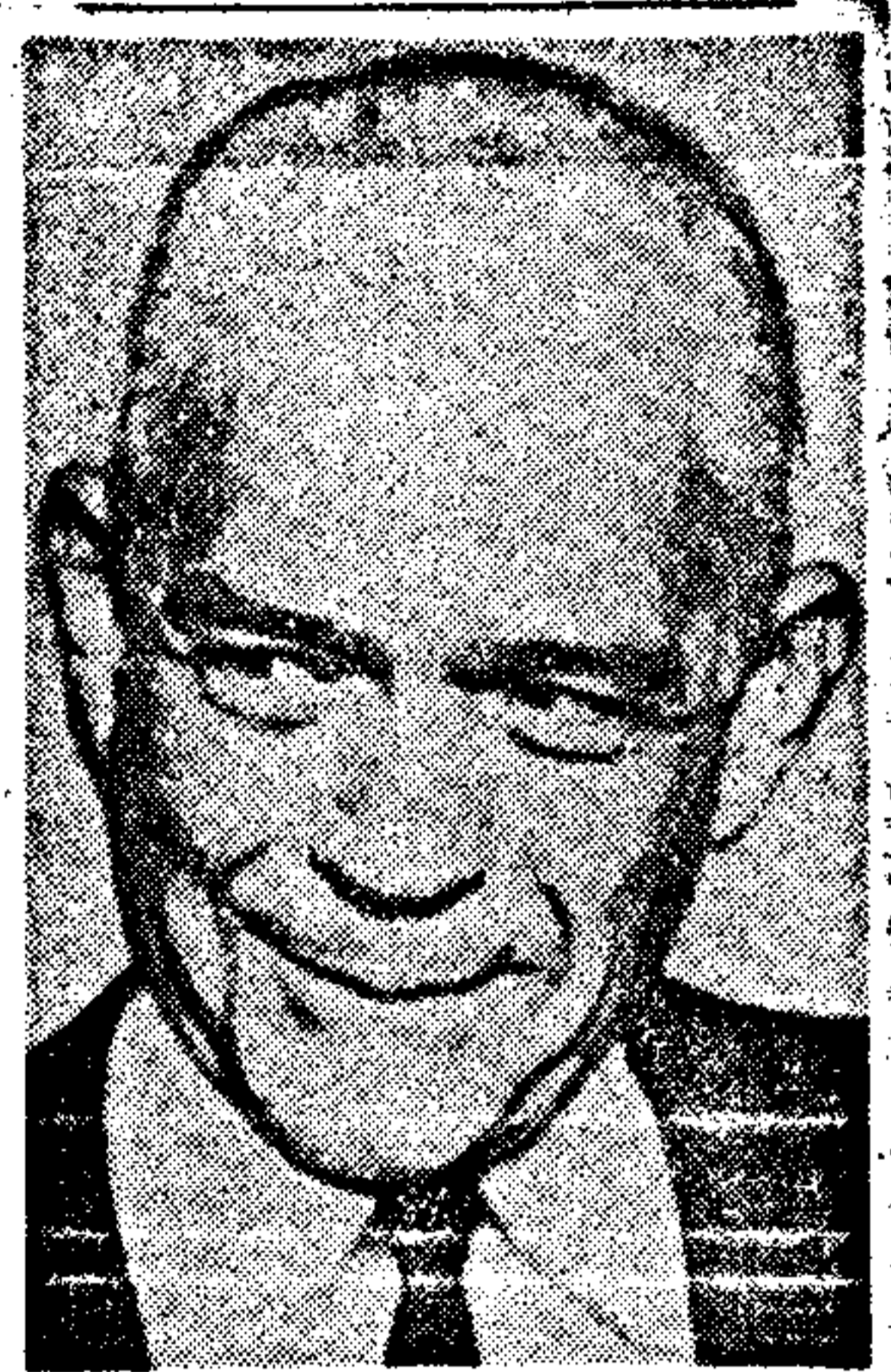
"Arrested this evening in the district attorney's office was Clay Shaw, age 54, of 1313 Daphne St., New Orleans, La.

"Mr. Shaw will be charged with participation in a conspiracy to murder John F. Kennedy.

"It should be pointed out, however, that the nature of this case is not conducive to an immediate succession of arrests at this time. However, other arrests will be made at a later date."

The booking was on a general charge which did not list a time or the intended victim of the conspiracy. Asst. Dist. Atty. Alvin Oser said Garrison Thursday would list these specifics in his bill of information.

Shaw, a robust, athletic-looking man with silvery hair, wearing a brown suit and brown striped tie, was taken down the hall from Garrison's office with a crowd of reporters streaming behind. He was taken down in an elevator to the basement, and put into a tan Cadillac sedan to be driven one block to the lockup.



—Associated Press Wirephoto.

Clay Shaw . . . former manager of International Trade Mart in New Orleans arrested in District Attorney Garrison's inquiry into assassination.

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