

Shaw: Man of Means And 'Restoration Society'

NEW ORLEANS, La. (AP)—The first man arrested in the district attorney's Kennedy assassination investigation is a tall, well-looking man of means who has lived for years in a luxurious home in the Vieux Carre of the French Quarter.

A high white wall shields the residence on Dauphine St., where Clay Shaw, 54, has lived for years. Owner of two buildings in the French Quarter, Shaw has been called a "1-man restoration society" for his numerous projects in the old section of New Orleans.

A former decorated Army major who is said to speak four languages fluently, Shaw was managing director of New Orleans International Trade Mart for 18 years until his retirement in 1965.

A handsome man with tight curling of his hair, Shaw is a man who obviously loves luxury. He is credited with having installed the first swimming pool in the Vieux Carre. Edged with a brick gutter and ornamented with statuary, the pool created a local sensation and started a trend.

THE REMODELED carriage home on Dauphine St. once was littered with rubble. Shaw transformed it into a beautiful place to live. A small fountain bubbles in its enclosed patio, and two walls of the large living room are covered in pale green silk.

A fellow resident of the Vieux Carre described Shaw as a "quiet, interesting, intelligent person."

Shaw recently traveled to Mexico and Spain, friends said, and he was in the process of translating a Spanish playwright's drama from Spanish to English at the time of his arrest. Shaw himself was a serious playwright.

Shaw detested violence, the associates said, and once said: "I wouldn't have one gun in the house. If they got rid of all the guns in the world, the world would be a better place in which to live."

SHAW WAS BORN in Kentwood, La., a small town just below the Mississippi border. His grandfather, Clay Shaw, was sheriff of Tangipahoa Parish (county) which was known as "bloody Tangipahoa" because of violence that was commonplace there.

The Shaw family moved to New Orleans when Clay Shaw was five years old.

During World War II, Shaw served as a... was through...

He was named a chevalier of the Order of the Crown of Belgium and the French government bestowed on him the distinction of "Chevalier de l'Ordre du Merite Commercial." He was discharged in 1946 with the rank of major. After working for a short time in New York City, he returned in New Orleans.

AT A TESTIMONIAL dinner late in September, 1965, Shaw was honored for his work as director of the Trade Mart starting in 1947. Shaw had submitted his resignation to pursue personal interests and manage his real estate holdings.

At the dinner, sponsored by... President Lloyd J. ... man Joseph Dirosa presented Shaw with the International Order of Merit of the City of New Orleans.

The March issue of Town and Country magazine lists Shaw—along with Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison—as one of the 25 most important men in New Orleans.

Dallas Lawmen Know Nothing Of Clay Shaw

Dallas law officials told The Dallas News Wednesday that they don't know Clay Shaw, arrested in New Orleans under Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy.

"The name doesn't mean anything to me," said Dist. Atty. Henry Wade. "I don't know him. I don't know whether he's been interviewed by the FBI or the Secret Service or anybody. I don't even know who the man is."

Assistant Dist. Atty. Bill Alexander voiced the same thought: "We don't know anything about it."

Sheriff Bill Decker said he didn't know Shaw either.

That's his (Garrison's) business, Decker said. "I'm not going to do anything about it. He says the whole thing happened there, so we're going to leave alone until we know something."

Garrison's office announced Wednesday that Shaw, 54, had been arrested after he had been questioned in the district attorney's office. Shaw's connection was not immediately explained.

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