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Clay Shaw Perjury Case Set for Trial Tomorrow

NEW ORLEANS, La. (AP) — Clay Shaw goes on trial tomorrow on a charge of lying to the jury which acquitted him of conspiracy in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

The perjury charge was filed by Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison on March 3, 1969, two days after Shaw's acquittal by 12 Criminal District Court jurors.

When asked to comment on the new trial, Shaw says: "Talk to my lawyers."

Lawyers Protest

They describe the perjury charge as ridiculous and vindictive, saying the jury at the conspiracy trial ruled that Shaw's testimony was truthful by acquitting him.

Garrison issued written statements vowing to press the case, but he seldom talks with newsmen since Shaw's acquittal.

At issue is Garrison's contention that Shaw, 57, lied when he testified that he never knew, or ever saw, Lee Harvey Oswald or David Ferrie, the men named by Garrison as conspirators.

Ferrie Dead

Oswald, a former New Orleans resident, was the man named as the lone assassin by the Warren Commission, which said he killed the president with rifle fire from a window as Kennedy

was being driven through Dealey Plaza in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963.

Ferrie, a former airline pilot, was an eccentric New Orleans homosexual. He died of a brain hemorrhage on Feb. 22, 1967, during the early stages of Garrison's probe.

Shaw filed a federal court suit Jan. 27 for \$5 million damages against Garrison and three of the wealthy men who stepped in to help him finance the investigation after the district attorney complained that newsmen were checking up on his probe through the public record of his office expenses. No trial date had been set on the damage suit.

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