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# 'Plot' Probers Focus Activity On Tuesday

Officials were setting the stage today for a hearing Tuesday of historic proportions in the probe of the slaying of President John F. Kennedy.

With the grand jury not in session and a judicial curtain lowered on "extrajudicial statements" by participants, everything pointed to Tuesday as the next big step in Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's attempt to prove the President was the victim of a New Orleans-based conspiracy.

The Tuesday action is a preliminary hearing for Clay L. Shaw, former managing director of the International Trade Mart, on the accusation by the DA's office that he took part in a conspiracy to kill President Kennedy.

**SHAW WAS ARRESTED** March 1 and booked with violating the state's criminal conspiracy law. He has denied any connection with any such plot.

At the hearing, the DA's office must show it has enough evidence to justify bringing Shaw to trial.

A set of guidelines was issued yesterday for newsmen by the three criminal district judges who will preside at the hearing.

**THE 27-PARAGRAPH** set of rules specifies that witnesses, all lawyers in the case, law officers and many others in official and unofficial capacities "are forbidden from making any extra-judicial statements of any kind concerning this case from this date and until such time as this case is concluded."

A 10-paragraph preamble on court proceedings and freedom of the press ranged from the Magna Carta, signed by King John of England in 1215 (out of which the present jury trial system grew) to a Fifth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals opinion of last Monday.

**SENIOR JUDGE** Bernard J. Bagert has said that in his opinion the preliminary hearing will disclose the identity of the confidential informant mentioned by Garrison in an affidavit as part of his case against Shaw.

In an application for a warrant to search Shaw's home, the DA's office alleged that the informant said a plot to kill Kennedy was formed at a meeting here of Shaw, Lee Harvey Oswald, David W. Ferrie and others.

The Warren Commission named Oswald as the assassin, acting alone. Ferrie, a pilot, was found dead here Feb. 22.

**THE GRAND JURY**, taking up the case for the first time yesterday, heard testimony from Dean Andrews Jr., who was consulted by Oswald several times in the summer of 1963, and Mrs. Josephine Hug, who worked for Shaw when he was managing director of the ITM.

Andrews, now an assistant DA in Jefferson Parish, was asked by the Warren Commission if he thought Oswald had killed JFK.

"I know good and well he did not," Andrews said.

"This boy could have convinced in the deal, but I think he is a patsy. Somebody else pulled the trigger."

Assistant DA James L. Alcock, asked if he felt any indictments in the case would be returned before next Tuesday's preliminary hearing, replied that he is "almost 100 per cent sure there will not be."

Garrison, whose investigation into the 1963 assassination began last November, has maintained silence on the probe recently. His whereabouts during the past week

have been in question. He has been reported in Miami, Phoenix and at a New Orleans hideaway.

**IN DALLAS** yesterday, a man who used to drive a taxi there said he once drove Oswald and Ferrie to Jack Ruby's Dallas nightclub.

Raymon Cummings, 35, told this story to Garrison's investigators, it was learned. Ruby, who shot Oswald to death shortly after the assassination of the President, died Jan. 3 of cancer in a Dallas jail cell.

A source said the former cabbie decided to contact Garrison's office after he saw a picture of Ferrie in a Dallas newspaper in February. The picture was accompanied by a story that quoted Ferrie as saying he had never been in Dallas.

Cummings drove a cab part-time in Dallas from Jan. 11, 1963, 'til March 15, 1963.

**WHILE A CABBIE**, the source said, Cummings once

picked up three men and drove them to Ruby's Carousel Cub.

The three passengers were Ferrie, Oswald and an unidentified man, the source quoted Cummings as saying.

Cummings, according to the source, recognized Oswald as having been a man he had driven a few weeks earlier from the bus station to suburban Irving. Both he and Oswald were ex-Marines, Cummings said, and they had talked about the service.

Cummings has been employed with a large Dallas concern for the past 11 years. He has worked at various part-time jobs in that period, including cab driving.

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