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No Need to Reopen Case--LBJ Shaw -- Cleared In -- JFK's Assassination

Open Move For Speedy Hearing

The district attorney's office today asked for a preliminary hearing in its case against Clay L. Shaw, whom it has accused of criminal conspiracy in the slaying of President John F. Kennedy. A conference was in progress with Criminal District Judge Bernard Bagerl, today's committing magistrate. If granted, the hearing would take place at Bagerl's next turn to sit as committing magistrate March 14.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has investigated Clay L. Shaw and cleared him of any part in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark said

today in Washington. And President Lyndon B. Johnson said in a separate news conference that he sees no reason to reopen the Warren Commission's investigation of the Kennedy slaying on the basis of Orleans Parish Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's investigation.

SHAW, FORMER managing director of the International Trade Mart here, was arrested yesterday and booked with

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Dean Adams Andrews Jr., assistant district attorney of Jefferson Parish, was subpoenaed today to appear at the Orleans Parish district attorney's office to give information in connection with the investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy. Andrews was to appear at 5 p. m.

"conspiracy to commit murder" in Garrison's probe of the President's death in Dallas Nov. 22, 1963.

Meanwhile, attorneys for Shaw began court moves to assure him a speedy hearing and to inspect the warrant on the basis of which Shaw's

home was searched last night and part of its contents removed.

Clark, who has been acting attorney general for several months, made his statement to newsmen moments after the Senate Judiciary Committee approved his nomination to officially become attorney general in President Johnson's cabinet.

Clark said the Justice Department knows what Garrison's case involves, and does not consider it valid.

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At President Johnson's news conference, he said that all he knows about Garrison's investigation has been gleaned from the newspapers.

The President referred to his past statement that he saw no reason to reopen the Warren Commission investigation, and said he knows of "no reason to change anything I have said."

In New Orleans, attorney Guy Johnson, representing Shaw, along with attorneys Edward F. and William Wegmann, conferred with Criminal District Judge Bernard J. Bagert about the prospect of filing a motion for a preliminary hearing.

AT SUCH A hearing, Garrison would have to show cause why the charge against Shaw should stand if he failed to show sufficient cause, the charge would be dropped.

However, Garrison possibly could avoid such a hearing by filing a bill of information within a reasonable time. It was expected that such a bill of information would be filed today.

After meeting with Judge Bagert, Johnson visited the courtroom of Criminal District Judge Matthew S. Braniff and demanded to examine the affidavit authorizing the search of Shaw's home.

Judge Braniff told Johnson he could see the affidavit this afternoon.

JOHNSON MAINTAINS the warrant was illegally issued because Shaw was already under arrest. If this view is upheld, it would make all evidence gathered on the basis of the search inadmissible in court.

Earlier, Garrison's investigators said more arrests are in the probe, but no specific time was set.

The arrest yesterday of Shaw, a leading citizen, rocked the city.

Offers of assistance for Shaw have poured in from

around the world, his attorney told the States-Item today.

EDWARD F. WEGMANN, the attorney, said Shaw has many friends in many countries around the world and telephone calls expressing "shock and indignation" have been coming in constantly since the arrest.

Wegmann said he would have a statement from Shaw within 24 hours.

"THERE WILL be more arrests, a considerable number of them," said Garrison, who has been probing the assassination for the past five months.

Shaw, 54, a decorated Army major in World War II, was released on \$10,000 bond last night. His luxurious French Quarter home was searched for nearly three hours by Garrison's agents.

The dozen men who made the search carried away five cardboard boxes filled with various items, including books and a gun in a canvas case. It was not determined whether it was a rifle or a shotgun.

SHAW, A RUGGEDLY handsome, silver-haired man, brushed past newsmen without a word when he was released from the Central Lockup after being booked, fingerprinted and mugged.

He was arrested in Garrison's office, where he had appeared for questioning in response to a subpoena.

It was the first arrest in Garrison's probe, which has stirred world-wide interest since it was revealed by The States-Item Feb. 17.

Garrison had recommended a bond of \$25,000, but Criminal District Judge Thomas M. Brahney reduced it to \$10,000.

The bond was posted by the Summit Fidelity Surety Company, records showed. Ber-

nard Pettingill, a representative of General Bonding Agency Inc., also signed the release order.

Pettingill said the only words uttered by Shaw when he was being driven from the Central Lockup to his lawyer's car were these:

"It's like a big nightmare—a dream. I keep hoping I will wake up soon and it will all be over."

SHAW'S ARREST was announced nearly six hours after he appeared alone at Garrison's office after having been subpoenaed for questioning. His attorney appeared later. The announcement of Shaw's arrest 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 1213 Dauphine 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 and the announcement did not specify whether Shaw was being charged with a conspiracy resulting in Kennedy's death—or with a conspiracy, not carried through, to commit the murder.

Asked about this, Garrison replied: "I don't want to get involved in semantics."

The point was brought up due to the wording of the announcement—"a" conspiracy, not "the" conspiracy—and because of Mr. Bagert's previous remark that several conspiracies were involved.

ASKED WHAT he meant by "immediate succession of arrests," William Gurvich, the chief investigator, explained it as, "no other arrests are imminent. However, an arrest may occur tomorrow, or an arrest may occur a month from now."

Shaw's name does not appear in the records of the Warren Commission.

IN NEW YORK, the commission's former chief counsel, J. Lee Rankin, said, "It is true that as far as I know we've never heard of this person."

Rankin, now New York City's corporation counsel, added, "I'm sorry, I just can't tell you anything about it."

Pat Riley, press secretary for U.S. Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, D-N. Y., brother of the late President, said the senator had no comment whatsoever.

In Cincinnati, the mother of Lee Harvey Oswald, the former New Orleans resident who the Warren Commission says killed Kennedy single-handedly, said of Shaw's arrest:

"This is the first break for us, because this is what we've been hoping for."

Mrs. Marguerite Oswald told a news conference last night she expects the investigation to lead to the "complete exoneration of my son."

Also questioned by the DA's office yesterday before Shaw's arrest were Perry R. Russo, 25, of Baton Rouge, and James R. Lewallen, 33, of 4406 Paris ave.

RUSO SAYS the late David William Ferrie, found dead here last week, talked to him about the Kennedy assassination.

Lewallen said he roomed with Ferrie several years ago in Kenner.

Other developments yesterday included the information

that the DA's staff has been questioning patrons of a former French Quarter coffee shop which was frequented by Oswald before the assassination.

THE SHOP, THE Ryder Coffee House, was located at 910 N. Rampart before the building there was demolished.

It was also learned yesterday that federal police in Mexico City are questioning 14 people who met Oswald dur-

ing his trip there in the fall of 1963.

This news was published by Novedades, a Mexico City daily newspaper.

The paper's night editor, Daniel R. Nava, said in New Orleans that most of the 14 are Cuban exiles.

ONE OF THEM, he said, is a young Mexican woman who was working in the Cuban embassy then.

Nava said Oswald tried and failed to get a visa to visit

Cuba on the trip. Nava is in New Orleans to cover developments in Garrison's probe.

He said, "The questioning of the 14 people started very recently and was probably caused by news of Mr. Garrison's investigation."

HE SAID THE Mexican police are running their probe alone.

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CLAY SHAW, in center of picture at left, walks away from the Orleans Parish district attorney's office following his arrest. Flanking him are his attorney, **EDWARD F. WEGMANN**, left, and

LYNN LOISEL, an investigator for the DA. In photo at right, some of Shaw's personal property is removed from his home at 1313 Dauphine.

—States-Item photos.