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Michoud Plant Employee Questioned in DA Probe

Dante Marachini Fourth Witness Subpoenaed

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Dante Marachini, a native of Brooklyn, N. Y., presently employed by the Chrysler Company at the Michoud Assembly Facility, completed 90 minutes of answering questions at 8:55 a. m. Friday as the fourth witness subpoenaed by District Attorney Jim Garrison in his presidential murder probe.

Marachini, 42, entered Garrison's office at 4:25 p. m. after the subpoena was delivered to his home, 6951 Music, at about 2:50 p. m.

When entering Garrison's office, Marachini told newsmen, "I don't know what this thing is all about."

After being questioned, he left the office escorted by DA's assistants Numa Bertel and James Alcock, and investigator Fenner Sedgebeer.

Wading through a sea of camera equipment and waiting reporters, Marachini commented, "Do we have to push our way through?" He made no further comment. The assistant LAs and the investigator then led him down a stairwell, and they left the Criminal District Courts building.

OTHERS CALLED

Those previously called before the DA's investigators in the expanding probe to prove that a New Orleans conspiracy resulted in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy are James R. Lewallen, Clay L. Shaw and Dran Andrews Jr.

Lewallen, an employee of the Boeing Company at Michoud, and Andrews, an assistant district attorney in Jefferson Parish, left Garrison's compound after being questioned earlier this week.

signed by Criminal District Court Judge Matthew S. Braniff, was announced.

According to Criminal Sheriff Louis A. Heyd Jr., Marachini was not at home when the subpoena was delivered to his home. It was given to his wife, Heyd said. The order was for Marachini to appear at 5 p. m.

Assistant DA Alcock said "no comment" when asked Marachini's connection with the investigation.

An authoritative source, contacted Friday, said the latest witness in the case works as a parts scheduler for Chrysler. He attended high school and technical school in Bari, Italy, from 1943 through 1949.

WORK REPORTED

The source said Marachini returned to the United States and went to work in Chicago, Ill., in 1951 for the Whico Chemical Company. The next record shows that he was employed from November, 1961, to January, 1962, during which month he moved to New Orleans and began working for the James E. Comiskey Co. Inc. until August, 1962.

From that month until November, 1962, he was again unemployed.

In April, 1963, Marachini went to work for the Standard Coffee Company, which has facilities at both 725 Magazine and 640 Magazine. It was during this same period that Lee Harvey Oswald, named by the Warren Commission as the lone killer of President Kennedy, was employed by the William B. Riley Coffee Company Inc. located at 640 Magazine.

Both coffee firms are owned by the William B. Riley Company Inc.

Oswald arrived in New Orleans in late April, 1963, leaving his wife and daughter in Texas, and went to work for Riley shortly thereafter.

Shortly before being fired by Riley July 19, Oswald commented to Adrian Alba, operator of the Crescent City Garage located

at 618 Magazine, that he was dissatisfied with his job and he was going out there where the gold is."

Oswald explained that the gold was the "pot of gold at the end of the rainbow that everybody looks for."

Alba asked where he meant.

'OUT IN GENTILLY'

Oswald said "out in Gentilly. Over at the space agency." He then explained that he was referring to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration plant at Michoud.

"I'm in like Flynn," added Oswald. "In only three or four days I'm going to give my notice, and then I'm going to get that pot of gold."

However, a check at Michoud showed that no one named Lee Harvey Oswald ever applied for work with any companies there.

After Oswald's dismissal July 19, Marachini worked for Standard Coffee only until the following month. It was in August, 1963, that Marachini began work as a planning and specifications man for Chrysler at Michoud.

In other developments, Andrews, the witness for the Warren Commission who brought the name "Clay Bertrand" into the picture, said through an attorney that he does not know if Bertrand and Clay L. Shaw are the same man.

Garrison has stated that Clay Bertrand is an alias that was used by Shaw in calling Andrews after Kennedy's assassination and asking the attorney to represent Oswald.

Andrews' attorney, Sam Monk Zelden, told newsmen that Andrews saw Bertrand only twice and that Bertrand "was mostly a voice on the phone."

Another development was brought about by Dr. Donald Gallant, a professor of psychiatry at Tulane University Medical School, who stated that the truth serum drug, formally sodium pentothal, is "quite unreliable" in determining whether a person is actually telling the truth.

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However, Shaw, the widely-known former managing director of the International Trade Mart, was arrested in Garrison's office and was later booked with participating in a conspiracy to murder President Kennedy. Shaw, who strongly denied the charge, was released.

Marachini, five feet, seven inches tall, had not previously been mentioned in the DA's expanding investigation. His role in the probe was first known Friday when an order for issuance of a subpoena,

A search warrant, used Wednesday night by Garrison's investigators to enter and search Shaw's French Quarter home, explained that the drug had been voluntarily used by an unidentified informant who told investigators of a meeting between Shaw, Oswald and David W. Ferric, another principal in the case who died last week.

The informant reportedly told probers that the three, along with other persons thus far unnamed, sat in Ferric's apartment and plotted to kill President Kennedy. The meeting allegedly took place in September, 1963, two months before Kennedy was shot in Dallas, Tex.

However, Dr. Gallant said Friday that a person can still lie while under the serum's influence.

Warren Restates

Confidence in Report

LIMA, Peru (AP)—Chief Jus-

tice Earl Warren, who headed an investigation of President John F. Kennedy's assassination, said Friday night he has heard of no new facts arising from the New Orleans "conspiracy" probe and sees no need for further investigation.

Referring to the campaign being carried on by Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison in New Orleans, Warren told newsmen here:

"I have nothing to say on Mr. Garrison's investigation. I don't know him. I have heard nothing that has developed any new facts.

"As far as I know," Warren said, "he has declined to give information on the facts he may have."

Warren, on a tour of four South American capitals, said that he sees no need to reopen the government's investigation of the assassination.

"I have exactly the same confidence in the (Warren Commission) report now as when I signed it," he said. "I don't have any information which

would lead me to the conclusion that the investigation should be reopened.

"If there are new facts on the assassination, then they should be developed; and if anyone has violated the law, the law should take its due course," Warren said.

"But I have not heard anything which would change the report in any way, shape or form."

Warren flew to Bolivia last week as an official guest of the La Paz government. He is visiting Peru, Ecuador and Colombia en route home to Washington.

Exile Says Mexicans Know About Oswald

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A Cuban exile leader claimed Friday the Mexican police and the Cuban embassy in Mexico have information on Lee Harvey Oswald that would further the New Orleans probe into the death of President John F. Kennedy.

"It would not surprise me if the name of Fidel Castro appears in the investigations of the district attorney's office in New Orleans," Alberto Garcia Menocal told a news conference.

Garcia Menocal, secretary-general of the Association of Businessmen, Industrialists and Professional Men of Cuba in Mexico, referred to Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's widening probe, in which four persons have been subpoenaed.

He declared the Cuban embassy "has not told a fifth part" of its relations with Oswald before the President was assassinated and said the Mexican people have additional information on activities in Mexico of Oswald, the man the Warren commission said shot Kennedy.

Garcia Menocal said Oswald visited Mexico trying to get a visa to visit Cuba. He said the Cuban embassy in Mexico channels instructions to pro-Castro organizations in the United States, such as "Fair Play for Cuba," to which Oswald is said to have belonged.



GESTURING TO NEWSMEN as he enters District Attorney Jim Garrison's office late Friday afternoon is Dante Marachini, the fourth witness subpoenaed in Garrison's current investigation into a New Orleans plot to assassinate President John F. Kennedy. Marachini, an employee of the Chrysler Company at the Michoud Assembly Facility, was questioned for 90 minutes before he left.