

No New Action Reported in Kennedy Death Probe

Work on Inquiry to Be Resumed Today, Word

No new witnesses were questioned nor were any arrests expected Saturday in District Attorney Jim Garrison's investigation of a conspiracy to murder President John F. Kennedy.

A spokesman for the DA's office said, however, that work continued on the probe and would resume Sunday.

Meanwhile, the assassination plot case reportedly has focused its attention on a group of men involved in a 1963 FBI raid on a cache of war materials in Lacombe.

The report followed a questioning Friday of 42-year-old Dante Marachini, an employe of the Chrysler Corp. Space Division at the Michoud Assembly Facility.

Marachini left the session in the DA's office and told newsmen: "I don't know what this darn thing is all about."

CHECK ON ARMS CACHE

Garrison is reported to be looking for at least one American who was believed to have been involved in the group that boarded munitions at Lacombe.

Among the items seized in the July 31, 1963, raid at an unoccupied cottage in Lacombe were 20 empty 100-pound bomb casings, 48 cases of dynamite, napalm and firing caps.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation said the explosives were designed for use by persons planning a "military operation against a foreign country with which the United States is at peace."

The owner of the house was identified as William Julius McLaney of New Orleans. His wife said at the time that the house had been loaned to a Cuban exile friend she knew only as "Jose Juarez."

The McLanays had lived in Cuba until 1960 where they operated a tourist business. They moved to New Orleans because Castro made things

impossible down there," said Mrs. McLaney.

NOT CONTACTED, REPLY

Concerning the latest interest in the group that stored the munitions, Mrs. McLaney said she had not been contacted by Garrison's investigators.

Marachini was the fourth person to be subpoenaed during the Garrison probe. Others subpoenaed were James R. Lewallen, Dean A. Andrews Jr., and Clay L. Shaw.

All but Shaw were questioned and released. Shaw was arrested in Garrison's office and booked with participating in a conspiracy to murder the late President. Shaw has emphatically denied the accusations. Shaw, a former managing director of International Trade Mart, is currently free on \$10,000 bond. A preliminary hearing had been set for March 14.

William "Bill" McLaney is the younger brother of M. J. "Mike" McLaney, former New Orleans tennis champion who left here over a decade ago to become a prominent figure in gambling circles in Miami and New York. Prior to Castro's ascent to power, "Mike" McLaney opened a plush gaming casino in the Hotel Nacional in Havana. He was subsequently arrested by the Castro regime, but released with the Cuban government's apologies. The casino was managed by "Bill" McLaney for his brother until it was finally shut down because of the drastic fall-off in tourist patronage after Castro initiated his severely restrictive policies.

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