

Andrews' Lawyer Answers Queries

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Dean Andrew Jr., the rotund assistant district attorney from Jefferson Parish who has been drawn into the current probe of the death of President John F. Kennedy, is letting his attorney do most of his talking.

After a three-hour huddle with District Attorney Jim Garrison's investigators last night, Andrews and his attorney Sam Monk Zelden emerged to talk to newsmen, but Zelden supplied the lion's share of the answers.

Members of the DA's staff weren't talking at all.

As a matter of fact, at only one juncture did the short, stocky attorney from Jefferson speak up—and then to correct Zelden about an answer he had given.

One of the correspondents wanted to know if Andrews knew Oswald.

ZELDEN replied that he knew him only in a lawyer-client relation when "Andrews defended Oswald in a minor court case—a court we in New Orleans call the municipal court."

"No, that's not quite right," interposed Andrews who was standing next to Zelden immediately outside the main entrance to the DA's office in the Criminal District Court Building.

Andrews corrected Zelden's remark by saying that he had given legal advice to Oswald on immigration matters pertaining to him and to his Russian-born wife. On another occasion he said he offered legal counsel to Oswald on a problem concerning his discharge status with the Marine Corps.

AT AN EARLY point in the impromptu press conference one of the newsmen asked the

\$64 question, the answer urgently sought apparently by the DA's office earlier.

"Tell us," said the newsmen, "does Mr. Andrews know if Clay Bertrand and Clay Shaw are one and the same man?"

"He doesn't know," retorted Zelden, "that's what we are trying to find out!"

Andrews said he knew Bertrand only as a "voice over the telephone." He explained

by saying he handled 10 or 12 young men clients on various minor charges from time to time in the past several years who called a man known as Clay Bertrand on the phone after the matter of "fees" had been discussed.

Bertrand he said would assure Andrews that if the young man didn't pay the full amount of the fee that he, Bertrand, would cover the balance.

"YOU MEAN TO say," said one newsmen, "that Mr. Andrews would accept the word of a man he had never met in person and whom he didn't know in such an important matter as fees?"

Zelden replied Andrews had no reason to disbelieve the "voice" known as Bertrand as all fees were eventually paid. "You don't fight a good thing," he added.

Andrews testified before the Warren Commission that he saw Bertrand on two occasions. He gave investigators two conflicting descriptions of the man. The commission reported that it never was able to find Bertrand.

Andrews showed up in the corridors of the spacious court building second floor about 20 minutes in advance of his 5 p. m. appearance as required on a court-ordered subpoena.

He was wearing dark sun glasses, which is usual for the short, husky lawyer.

He spotted senior Judge Bernard J. Bagert in the hallway and after a brief conference entered Judge Bagert's courtroom.

Andrews left Judge Bagert's court and walked down the corridor to Judge Oliver P. Schulingkamp's section of

court. Newsmen pressed in on Andrews, squeezing him to the point where he could hardly walk.

QUESTION: "How is he raining down on him?"

"Who is Clay Bertrand? Do you know Clay Shaw? Did you know Oswald? How about you and Dave Ferrie?"

To all of these questions, the wise-cracking Andrews snapped, "Read the Warren report for your answers!"

One of the questions, however, stopped him flat in his tracks. One of the quizzers shouted out: "What do you think of D. A. Jim Garrison's investigation?"

Pausing momentarily and

looking in the direction from whence the query came, Andrews answered acidly:

"That's his problem—not mine!"

When Andrews emerged from Judge Schulingkamp's office, he headed—or rather attempted to head back to the courtroom of Judge Bagert in the opposite direction of the D. A.'s office.

It was now past 5 p. m. and the press corps had their cameras set up nearer the D. A.'s office expecting Andrews to head there next. When he headed back to Judge Bagert's court instead, the pursuit began again.

HE REENTERED Judge Bagert's courtroom, and after a few minutes had elapsed, a group of assistant district attorneys from Garrison's office emerged from the D. A.'s office and headed toward Judge Bagert's court.

It had all the appearances of a "flying squad" and newsmen sensed that perhaps they were heading for a "show-down" with Andrews. They ignored all questions thrust at them by newsmen and locked the courtroom door once inside.

The group was composed of assistant D. A.'s Jim Alcock, Mike Karmazin, Andrew

Sciambra, Richard Burne and Numa Bertel.

They left, once again in a body, about 15 minutes later, without offering an explanation of the activity which had transpired inside the locked courtroom doors.

A short while later, Andrews emerged and followed the D. A.'s flying squad down the hall to the D. A.'s office.

And once again pandemonium reigned as eager newsmen pressed around him yelling questions. At times it appeared they would lift him from the floor they crowded in so closely and intently.

To most questions he had a blunt, quick answer: "Read the Warren commission report!"

He stopped short, however, when asked suddenly if he anticipated getting arrested.

He responded:

"I couldn't care less."

63 La. Arms-Cache Case Reported New DA Focus

Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison is reported to have turned his assassination plot probe today toward a group of men involved in a 1963 FBI raid on a cache of war materials in Lacombe.

The report followed a 90-minute interrogation yesterday of the latest witness in the investigation, 42-year-old Dante Marachini, an employe of the Chrysler Co. at the Michoud Assembly Facility.

Marachini emerged after the session into a crush of newsmen and cameramen complaining about freedom of the press. The five-foot-seven native of Brooklyn smiled for cameramen, though.

MARACHINI TOLD newsmen, "I don't know what this darn thing is all about." After getting caught in the crowd of newsmen, he ran away shouting, "What the heck! I know the freedom of the press — but this!"

Later yesterday it was learned that the DA was seeking the identity of men involved in an incident during the summer of 1963.

Garrison is reported to be searching for at least one

*AMERICAN who WAS
BELIEVED*

"because Castro made things impossible down there," Mrs. McLaney said.

Questioned last night, Mrs. McLaney said she had not been contacted recently by Garrison's investigators or anyone else.

The district attorney's investigators, in their probe of a possible New Orleans conspiracy resulting in the death of President Kennedy, previously had called James R. Lewallen, Clay L. Shaw and Dean Adams Andrews Jr. for questioning.

Lewallen, an employe of the Boeing Co. at Michoud, was subpoenaed, questioned and released Wednesday. Andrews, an assistant district attorney in Jefferson Parish, was subpoenaed and questioned Thursday and released.

SHAW, HOWEVER, was ar-

to have been involved in the group hoarding munitions at Lacombe.

Among the items seized in the raid July 31, 1963, at an unoccupied cottage in Lacombe were 20 empty 100-pound bomb casings, 48 cases of dynamite, napalm and firing caps. The FBI 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 of the raid the house had been loaned to a Cuban exile friend she knew only as "Jose Juarez." The McLaneys had lived in Cuba until 1960, where they ran a tourist business. They moved to New Orleans

rested in Garrison's office Wednesday and later booked with participating in a conspiracy to murder Kennedy.

Shaw, who in a statement to newsmen strongly denied Garrison's accusations, was for 19 years managing director of the International Trade Mart. He was released on \$10,000 bond.

Andrews had testified before the Warren Commission that a man named Clay Bertrand called him after the assassination and asked him to defend Lee Harvey Oswald, the man named as President Kennedy's murderer by the commission.

Garrison has stated that Clay Bertrand is an alias that was used by Shaw. Shaw, in his statement Thursday, denied knowing a Clay Bertrand or ever using an alias in his life.

Andrews, who told the com-

mission that Bertrand was primarily a voice on the phone and someone he had only seen twice, said through his attorney Thursday that he does not know if Bertrand and Shaw are the same person.

THE SUBPENA ISSUED yesterday was the first time Marachini had been linked with Garrison's probe.

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.

He returned to this country in 1951 and went to work for the Wilco Chemical Co. in Chicago. He was unemployed between November 1961, and January 1962, during which month he moved to New Orleans. Marachini went to work

here for James E. Comiskey Co. Inc., and was employed there until August 1962.

From then until November 1962, he was again unemployed.

HE WENT TO WORK in April 1963, for Standard Coffee Co., which has facilities at 725 Magazine and 640 Magazine. Oswald worked for William B. Riley Coffee Co. Inc., at 640 Magazine during the same period. Both coffee firms are owned by the William B. Reilly Co.

Oswald arrived here in late April 1963, leaving his wife and daughter in Texas, and went to work for Reilly shortly after getting here.

Oswald was fired July 19, shortly after making a comment to Adrian Alba, operator of the Crescent City Garage at 618 Magazine, that he was dissatisfied with his job.

He told Alba he was going "out there where the gold is."

Oswald explained to Alba that the gold was the "pot of gold at the end of the rainbow that everybody looks for." He said it was "out in

Gentilly. Over at the space agency."

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

A check revealed, however, that no one named Lee Harvey Oswald ever applied for work with any Michoud companies.

In another development yesterday, Dr. Donald Gallant, professor of psychiatry at Tulane University School of Medicine, said that sodium pentathol is "quite unreliable" as a method of determining whether a person is actually telling the truth.

GARRISON'S OFFICE referred to a confidential informant and said the informant had voluntarily submitted to sodium pentathol injections and subsequent questioning and that he repeated his information during the session.

Dr. Gallant said that there is no such thing as a truth

serum and that a person still can lie while under the influence of sodium pentathol.

He said the drug is a type of barbiturate which brings the patient close to sleep and increases a person's suggestibility but that for investigative purposes a lie detector test is more reliable. Even that is not infallible, he said.

Warren Says Probe Renewal Not Needed

In Peru yesterday Chief Justice Earl Warren said he saw no reason to reopen the Warren Commission's investigation into the assassination of President Kennedy.

Meanwhile, in Mexico City, a Cuban exile leader claimed that the Mexican police and Cuban embassy in Mexico have information on Lee Harvey Oswald that furthers the New Orleans probe into the

Kennedy murder.

Alberto Garcia Menocal, secretary-general of the Association of Businessmen, Industrialists and Professional Men of Cuba, declared that the Cuban embassy has not told "a fifth part" of its relations with Oswald before the death of Kennedy and he said the Mexican people have additional information on the Mexican activities of Oswald, the man identified by the Warren Commission as President Kennedy's assassin.

Warren, stopping in Lima on his tour of four South American capitals, said of the New Orleans probe, "I have not heard anything which would change the report in any way, shape or form."