

Links Jury Quiz, Cuba Exile Chief

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—States-Item Photo.
GORDON NOVEL
Grand jury witness.



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DEAN ADAMS ANDREWS JR.
Heads for jury room.

Gordon Novel, who said Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison wants to question him about 1961 events involving former Cuban exile leader Sergio Arcacha Smith, answered a summons to appear before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury today.

Novel, 29, entered the Criminal Courts building shortly after the grand jury returned from lunch, but he did not go in immediately. He was accompanied by his attorneys, Steve Plotkin and Eddie L. Sapir, who said they would not allow their client to answer reporters' questions. *(from Daily News-Fla)*

A few moments after Novel appeared, Garrison went into the grand jury room.

He was interviewed prior to his appearance before the jury.

DEAN ADAMS ANDREWS Jr., an assistant Jefferson Parish district attorney, appeared before the jury this morning for the second time in two weeks. He told report-

ers Novel is a good friend and a client of his.

Novel, who owns the Jamaican Village bar at 800 N. Rampart, said he knows why he is being subpoenaed, "but I'd rather not say now."

He said, "I think Mr. Garrison wants to know something about activities during 1961 which are related to Mr. Sergio Arcacha Smith.

"AND THAT'S ALL I want to say right now," he said.

Arcacha lived in New Orleans during 1961 and was leader of anti-Castro Cubans here in an organization known as the Cuban Democratic Revolutionary Front.

He was training men here to participate in an invasion of Cuba.

Arcacha left New Orleans in 1962 and moved to Houston, where he was living at the time of the assassination. He moved to Dallas some time later and has been living there for three years.

MEMBERS OF GARRISON'S staff have attempted to question Arcacha in Dallas, but Arcacha will not agree to be questioned unless Dallas authorities are present. Gar-

rierson's men have refused to question Arcacha in the presence of any Dallas officials.

Asked if he knows Clay L. Shaw, who has been accused by Garrison of conspiring to murder the President, Novel said, "I know him, but not as related to this thing."

He said he has never known Lee Harvey Oswald, the man named by the Warren Commission as President Kennedy's assassin, and that he does not know Perry Raymond Russo, who has testified that he overheard David W. Ferrie, Oswald and Shaw plotting to kill Mr. Kennedy.

NOVEL SAID HE knew Ferrie "indirectly."

Ferrie, a free-lance pilot, died Feb. 22 while he was under investigation in connection with the Garrison probe.

Novel said that in addition to running the Jamaican Village, he owns an electronics company. "I manufacture anti-surveillance equipment," he said.

Andrews, questioned by reporters before he entered the grand jury room, said that he knows Novel.

"DO I KNOW HIM? Yeah, I know him. He's a good friend of mine," he said.

"You say he's a good friend of yours?" a reporter asked.

"Yeah, he's a client of mine."

Novel aroused the curiosity of Metairie residents in 1962 when he was making a flight test of an 18-foot helium-filled balloon. Neighbors saw a mysterious lighted object in the air over Metairie and began telephoning the newspaper to find out what it was. Novel was testing a balloon which employed a flickering fluorescent light system.

Novel was mentioned in the news in September of 1963 when he was a robbery victim. Novel was beaten unconscious and then robbed as he prepared to enter his car in a Chartres st. parking lot. He was attacked by five men.

The grand jury was questioning a third person this morning, a young man who told a reporter his name is Tommy Clark.

CLARK CAME OUT of the

jury room this morning and sat on a bench outside, apparently waiting to be called in again. He said he was not under subpoena but had been asked to appear by assistant Dist. Atty. John Volz.

Andrews appeared at the Criminal Courts building this morning and entered at Broad st., almost unnoticed by reporters.

Andrews had been subpoenaed to appear at 9 a. m. and arrived at the courthouse on schedule. He showed up alone, in contrast to previous appearances when he was accompanied by his attorney, Sam Monk Zelden.

A reporter asked him:

"Do you know why you

have been subpoenaed by the grand jury for a second time?"

Andrews shook his head but did not reply.

"WHAT ARE YOU supposed to know?" he was asked.

"I wish I knew," he said.

Andrews was subpoenaed a week ago when the jury first took up the case.

The Jefferson attorney's connection with the case stems from a few days after the President was killed in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963.

Andrews told the Warren Commission investigating the case that he was contacted by one "Clay Bertrand" who asked him to defend Oswald.

GARRISON contends that Bertrand is an alias used by Clay L. Shaw, former managing director of the International Trade Mart, who faces criminal conspiracy charges in the President's death. Shaw denies this.

Andrews says he does not know whether Bertrand and Shaw are one and the same. He has refused to take a lie detector test.

JEFFERSON PARISH Dist. Atty. Frank H. Langridge confirmed that he wrote a letter to Andrews yesterday suspending him as an assistant until the district attorney investigation is over.

Langridge stressed that the suspension is no indication of wrongdoing on the part of

Andrews, but Langridge said he felt the unfavorable publicity brought upon the district attorney's office justified the suspension.

When the grand jury took up the investigation last week, the only other witness subpoenaed was Mrs. Josephine Hug, who worked for Shaw when he headed the International Trade Mart staff.

When Andrews was called in today, he shrugged his shoulders and walked into the room.

JUST AFTER THE door closed behind Andrews, a secretary from Garrison's office walked up to the deputy sheriff guarding the door and asked:

"Is Mr. Burns (assistant

Dist. Atty. Richard V. Burns) in the grand jury room?"

"Yeah, he's in there," the guard answered.

"Give him these when the door opens, please. He wanted them as soon as possible," the secretary said. She handed over a dozen or so copies of a mimeographed sheet of papers. The documents were headed, "Testimony of Dean Andrews Jr." Each copy appeared to be about 15 pages thick.

Andrews was questioned until 11:30 a. m. and was rushed by reporters as he left the building. Andrews was evasive in his answers to all questions, however.

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WITH SHAW, SAYS WITNESSES

A 29-year-old Negro, Vernon Bundy, testified today that he had seen Clay Shaw and Lee Harvey Oswald together on the Lake Pontchartrain seawall during the summer of 1963. Bundy identified photos of both Shaw and Oswald. He said, during the preliminary hearing for Shaw that he saw Shaw pass a roll of bills to the man he identified as Oswald.

A physician-hypnotist testified today that he left Perry R. Russo in a post-hypnotic state Sunday and told him, "You will be amazed how acute your mind will be in the next few weeks."
Dr. Esmond A. Fatter, a private physician who

ing wore through its fourth day today, Shaw's 54th birthday:

—Presiding Judge Bernard J. Bagerl said today's testimony would continue into the evening hours in an effort to end the hearing. Otherwise, he said, it will extend into the weekend.

—The DA's office was apparently giving a lie detector test to a new mystery witness.

About noon today Assistant DA Charles Ray Ward and other officers were seen escorting a husky Negro man into the polygraph room at police headquarters. They were still in the room at 2 p. m.

Ward refused to identify the man but the States-Item learned he is Vernon Bundy Jr., a narcotics offender who is in jail on a parole violation.

"On March 12, Dr. Fatter, or the last time you saw him, did you give Mr. Russo a post-hypnotic suggestion?"

"I did.

"Will you tell this court about that?"

"I would like to read from my notes the exact suggestion give to Russo on March 12, 1967."

There were objections by the defense to this line of testimony, and Judge Malcolm V. O'Hara agreed with them. But he was overruled by Judge Bagert and Judge Matthew S. Braniff. The three-judge panel is hearing the case, which will determine whether Shaw is held for trial.

Dr. Fatter then read from a piece of paper the suggestion he made to Russo:

"That's right. Go deeper. Relax. Anytime you want to you may permit yourself to be cool, and calm and collected.

"This is a task you have voluntarily entered into. Let yourself do this task well. You'll amazed how acute your mind will be in the next few weeks.

"You will be telling only the truth without fear or remorsefulness. All you are doing is telling the truth, nothing more, nothing less.

"Count to five, yet your eyes spring open. Remember, you have a task you elected to perform. You can do it well. You will do it well.

"Remember, the truth always rings out."

Dr. Fatter said he told Russo, "At the count of five, you will open your eyes" and Russo did.

It was also reported that an East Baton Rouge Deputy Sheriff named Nick Ross appeared at the courthouse today saying he had some information for Garrison's office. He said he once knew David William Ferrie.

Ferrie, a key figure in the alleged plot, was found dead here Feb. 22.

Dr. Chetta was closely cross-examined on the credibility of questioning done with sodium pentothal and hypnosis.

Dr. Chetta testified that Russo was hypnotized in his office last Sunday two days before the current hearing began.

The coroner admitted that he spent only an hour with Russo before the witness underwent hypnosis through the use of sodium pentothal. He had testified earlier that the quality of results of such questioning depends on the knowledge of the person administering the drug.

But he added that "I have had 17 years' experience dealing with this kind of work and I can acquire the fine points in a short time."

DR. CHETTA SAID RUSSO, A 25-YEAR-OLD insurance salesman, underwent hypnosis on Feb. 28 at Mercy Hospital, on March 2 in the office of Ward, and on March 12 at the coroner's office.

Russo told the court Tuesday that he heard Show, Oswald and Ferrie plot the assassination in September, 1963, in Ferrie's apartment at 3330 Louisiana ave. pkwy.

Kennedy was shot to death in Dallas Nov. 22, 1963. The Warren Commission reported Oswald did the killing alone.

Assistant DA Alvin Oser began questioning Dr. Chetta about details of Russo's comments while under hypnosis.

Defense Attorney F. Irvin Dymond objected:

"Your Honor, he is getting out of the realm of sanity of this witness and is trying to bolster the credibility of the witness and I object."

After some discussion, Judge Bagert overruled the ob-

jection.

Dr. Chetta was cross-examined by defense attorney William Wegmann. He asked the coroner whether fantasies appear in the mind of persons placed under sodium pentothal.

"Yes. It is up to the man doing the test to tell whether the person is lying or speaking in fantasy," said Dr. Chetta.

"ACCORDING TO MY NOTES, YOU GAVE RUSSO the drug the same day you questioned him. How long did you talk with him?"

"About an hour."

"Is this the only time that you saw Russo?"

"Yes, sir."

"Doctor, you said before that results depend upon the dependability or knowledge of the person administering the drug."

"It is true," said Dr. Chetta. "I spent only an hour with the patient before administering the drug, but I have had 17 years experience dealing with this kind of work and I can acquire the fine points in a short time."

Shaw arrived at 9:50 a. m., apparently in good spirits. He shook hands and said "good morning" to one of the deputy sheriffs who has been in the courtroom every day of the hearing.

He then conferred with Dymond, sometimes smiling during the conversation.

THE FIRST WITNESS on the stand today was C. W. Johnson, district director of the Immigration and Naturalization Service in New Orleans.

He appeared in response to a subpoena by defense attorneys for records on Manuel Garcia Gonzales and Junio Buzenero.

In yesterday's testimony, Russo had mentioned two persons as having attended a party at Ferrie's house where the plot to kill Kennedy was allegedly hatched. Their names sounded like Julio and Manuel.

Johnson was asked by Dymond what records he brought to the hearing. He said he had two files relating to the same man, Gonzales.

He said it was a record of a Cuban who entered the United States as a refugee, containing an alien registration card, pictures and a small registration card.

DYMOND THEN MOVED TO HAVE THE records submitted as a part of the evidence. Judge Bagert then said, "I understand there are two folders. What is the other folder?"

"The other folder relates to a Manuel Garcia Gonzales who entered the United States as a temporary visitor," Johnson replied.

Dymond then asked, "Do you have any records on Julio Buzenero?"

"No, sir, no records at all."

Johnson stepped down and Dr. Chetta returned to the stand. He had been testifying when the hearing recessed yesterday.

The two persons whose immigration records were brought by Johnson were themselves subpoenaed earlier by defense attorneys.

SHAW SHOWED signs of weariness as the hearing moved through its third day yesterday. His eyes were bloodshot, his suit ruffled.

"How would you like to

swap places with me?" he asked a newsman, with a glum smile.

The two new witnesses were apparently a pair referred to by Russo as having attended a party at which he says a plot was hatched in September, 1963, to kill the President. *END*