

Shaw Isn't Bertrand, Attorney Tells Jurors

Principal in Garrison Probe Identifies
Mystery Man as New Orleans Bar Operator

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NEW ORLEANS—Clay L. Shaw, prominent civic leader, is not Clay Bertrand, the murky figure in Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's assassination probe, a principal in the case said Wednesday.

"Clay Shaw is not, never has been, never will be, and can not be Bertrand," said attorney Dean Adams Andrews Jr., who introduced the name Clay Bertrand to the Warren Commission.

Rather, Andrews identified Clay Bertrand for the first time as Eugene C. Davis, 42, the operator of Wanda's Bar in the city's French Quarter.

"The man I believe to be Clay Bertrand is Eugene Davis," Andrews said.

The grand jury concluded more than 12 hours of work at 10 p.m. when jury foreman Albert V. LaBiche emerged and said: "No new evidence has been produced to confirm any of the allegations that have been made to date by critics of Mr. Garrison's office."

Garrison's most recent critic has been William Gurvich, the district attorney's chief investigative aide, who resigned Monday with a blast attacking Garrison's probe and his methods.

Andrews told the Warren Commission that Clay Bertrand called him shortly after President John F. Kennedy was assassinated and asked him to go to Dallas to defend Lee Harvey Oswald.

But Andrews testified he

did not know who Bertrand was and repeated this until Wednesday, when he volunteered the information at an impromptu news conference outside the Orleans Parish grand jury room.

Clay Bertrand became a central name in the New Orleans investigation when Garrison claimed Shaw used it as an alias in a conspiracy with Oswald and David W. Ferrie to murder Mr. Kennedy.

Shaw was arrested, bound over for trial on Garrison's charge and released on \$10,000 bond. He denied using the name Bertrand.

Asked why he had waited to reveal his identification of Davis as Bertrand, Andrews replied:

"How'd you like to be busted? Your door kicked down and your guts ripped out?"

He declined to elaborate on his meaning, but said, "I've been busted. I haven't earned any money in three months."

Andrews was suspended as an assistant district attorney of neighboring

Jefferson Parish in March shortly before the grand jury indicted him on charges of perjury.

At the time it was not disclosed what constituted the alleged perjury other than that it dealt with the investigation of a conspiracy to murder Mr. Kennedy.

Andrews' attorney, Sam Monk Zelden, said Wednesday, however, that the perjury charges were based on his client's refusal to identify Shaw as Clay Bertrand.

A subpoena for Andrews' third appearance before the grand jury was issued as he appeared outside the grand jury room in the Criminal Courts building. After an hour with the grand jurors, the lawyer emerged but then declined to comment.

Wasn't Noticed

Andrews' appearance came shortly after Davis had entered and left the grand jury room without being noticed by the press.

Davis declined comment but his attorney, G. Wray Gill, said his client had never used the name Clay Bertrand.

Police records showed Davis had been arrested on charges of loitering, possession of a pinball machine and "knowing and admitting homosexuals to an alcoholic outlet."

Gurvich, Garrison's former aide, was to have appeared at 10 a.m. Wednesday before the grand jury, but he was kept waiting almost eight hours. During that time, he emerged periodically from the grand jury waiting room and talked to newsmen.

He attacked Garrison, the district attorney's "incompetent staff members," and what he called Garrison's "trampling on the civil rights of free men."

As long as two months

ago, Gurvich said, one of Garrison's top staff aides had told him in confidence that a Negro convict held in the New Orleans Parish jail had been asked by Garrison's office to break into Shaw's French Quarter carriage house, presumably to remove or place something there.

The grand jury will not meet again for two weeks.

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Oswald Link to FBI Not Discounted

NEW YORK (AP) — The Columbia Broadcasting System said Wednesday it "is not frivolous" to suspect that Lee Harvey Oswald had some connection with either the FBI or the Central Intelligence Agency.

In the last of a four-part television series on the Warren Report and the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, the network concluded that the accused assassin's mother "may not be quite so wrong about some kind of link between Oswald and various intelligence agencies of the United States."

CBS said Texas Atty. Gen. Waggoner Carr had reported to the Warren Commission on rumors of a connection between Oswald and the FBI.

CALLS IT 'ABSURD'

Why Gurvich Quit Inquiry by Garrison

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NEW ORLEANS — What prompted investigator William Gurvich to resign as an aide to Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison and blast Garrison's investigation of the Kennedy assassination?

Gurvich, operator of a private detective agency, told a reporter Wednesday that he decided to challenge the inquiry about June 1, after it became "so absurd I figured Garrison had gone completely nuts."

Talks With Newsmen

Actually, Gurvich, who early in the investigation boasted to reporters that Garrison had evidence to substantiate his charges, began talking confidentially with some newsmen about the shaky nature of the case more than a month ago. It was an NBC-TV special correspondent, Walter Sheridan, who helped persuade him that he should publicly tell what he thought about the investigation.

Sheridan, a key figure in the Justice Department investigation which led to conviction of Teamsters President James R. Hoffa, first arranged for Gurvich to meet with Sen. Robert F. Kennedy (D-N.Y.) in New York on June 8 to relate his views. Kennedy was attorney general at the time Sheridan worked for the department.

After word of the meeting leaked to the press, Gurvich acknowledged he had met with Kennedy and told the senator there was no substance to the investigation.

Gurvich, who on March 1 announced that Clay L. Shaw had been charged

with conspiring to murder President John F. Kennedy, Monday resigned from Garrison's staff and urged the district attorney to drop the charge against Shaw.

Gurvich now says he was never in favor of arresting Shaw, but when he announced the arrest he declared that other arrests would be forthcoming. Then he assured newsmen Garrison could back up the charges.

When Gurvich resigned, he said he did not want to "grandstand," but merely wanted to relate his views to Garrison.

But after Garrison commented on his resignation by ridiculing his role as an aide, describing him as little more than a chauffeur and a photographer, Gurvich heatedly denounced the district attorney as "irrational" and said his investigation had violated the civil rights of several persons, including Shaw.

Gurvich told a newsman Wednesday that he decided to denounce the investigation after Garrison allegedly plucked the name of his latest suspect from a letter written by a Texas woman whose husband had abandoned her and her children. She wanted help in locating him and described him as a man with a scar over his left eye.

"Garrison has always thought that a man with a scar over his left eye was a companion of Lee Harvey Oswald," said Gurvich. "So now this man became his suspect. It was so absurd I figured Garrison had gone completely nuts."