New Orleans Jury Indicts Shaw On Assassination Plot Charge

Says He, Oswald and Others Conspired to Kill Kennedy -Russo Testifies Again

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NEW ORLEANS, March 22-A New Orleans grand jury returned an indictment today against Clay L. Shaw, a 54-year-old retired businessman and New Orleans socialite, on a charge of conspiring to assassinate President Kennedy.

The grand jury acted after hearing two hours of testimony from Perry Raymond Russo, a Baton Rouge insurance salesman who says he was present when the assassination was plotted. The indictment was read by Criminal Court Judge Matthew S. Braniff.

Mr. Shaw was released to-night from the hospital where he had been since last Friday for rest and treatment of a back injury. He remained free on \$10,000 bond. Earlier today he was given court permission to travel to Mississippi tomorrow. He told the court he wanted to spend the weekened at the beach.

No date was set for Mr. Shaw's arraignment. Edward Wegmann, an attorney for the defendant, said Mr. Shaw would plead not guilty. He withheld further comment.

The indictment charged that the conspiracy existed between Sept. 1 and Oct. 10, 1963.

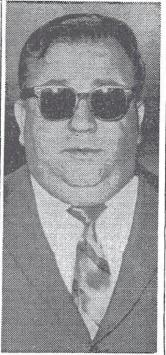
Mr. Shaw, who at that time was managing director of the Orleans International Trade Mart, was in San Francisco on Nov. 22, 1963, the day that Mr. Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas, Tex.

Attorney General Ramsey Clark said in Washington two weeks ago that Mr. Shaw had been investigated by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and that no evidence connecting him with the as-sassination had been found.

The F.B.I. reports of the investigation of Mr. Shaw, which were furnished to the Warren Commission, have been sealed and have not been opened to the public, as have other reports.

The grand jury charges against Mr. Shaw said that he had conspired with Lee Harvey Oswald, David W. Ferrie "and others" to assassinate Mr. others" to assassinate Mr. Kennedy.

The grand jury did not charge that President Kennedy's assassination necessarily followed from the New Orleans "con-



Associated Press Wirephoto Dean A. Andrews Jr. leaves courthouse. He was charged with perjury after testifying Thursday on the "plot."

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clared that Mr. Shaw, using the name Clay Bertrand, met with Oswald and Mr. Ferrie on a number of occasions at Mr. Ferrie's house, and that the assassination was plotted there.

Mr. Ferrie, a former Eastern Airlines pilot, died last Feb. 22, after his name had been brought into the investigation by Mr. Garrison.

While the grand jury was considering evidence in the assassination investigation, Dean A. Andrews Jr., a New Orleans lawyer, pleaded not guilty to a charge that he had lied to the same grand jury last Thursday.

Mr. Andrews appeared for arraignment before Criminal Court Judge Frank J. Shea today and asked for a jury trial, a request that the judge granted. No date was set for the trial.

Mr. Andrews was indicted last Thursday after testifying twice before the grand jury. The charges said that Mr. Andrews "wilfully and unlawfully did commit perjury during questioning relative to a conspiracy to murder John F. Kennedy, President of the United States." But they did not say what the alleged perjury was.

Before his indictment, Mr. Andrews had said that he had been spiracy," although it did say unable to identify Mr. Shaw as that Oswald took part in the al- "Clay Bertrand," a man he had known as a friend of young

Mr. Andrews had testified bethat it could not prove the neginedy was murdered and asked ative—that no conspiracy exhim to go to Dallas to defend oswald.

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into a discussion of semantics," In a preliminary hearing last he once said when asked about week, Mr. Russo—who said he was questioned by the district Under Louisiana law the attorney's staff after being charge lodged against Mr. Shaw hypnotized three times—testi--conspiracy to commit murder fied that he had overheard the men plotting the assassination in Mr. Ferrie's de-apartment.

leged conspirators' discussions.

The Warren Commission con-homosexuals. cluded that Oswald killed Mr. Mr. Andrews had testified be-Kennedy and acted alone. It fore the Warren Commis-said that it had found no evi-sion that Clay Bertrand had dence of a conspiracy, but added called him on the day Mr. Kencluded that Oswald killed Mr.

District Attorney Jim Garrison, in limited discussions of investigation, has avoided any complaint that he had possible charge that the assassination pated with Oswald and Mr. Ferrie in a plot to kill President

Under Louisiana law the is punishable by a prison term three of up to 20 years.

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