

# 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 re-  
turned 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 sales-  
man 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 tomor-  
row. He told the court he want-  
ed to spend the weekend 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  
New Orleans International  
Trade Mart, was in San  
Francisco on Nov. 22, 1963, the  
day that Mr. Kennedy was as-  
sassinated 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 Investi-  
gation, and that no evidence  
connecting him with the as-  
sassination had been found.

The F.B.I. reports of the in-  
vestigation 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.  
Kennedy.

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



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

spiracy," although it did say  
that Oswald took part in the al-  
leged conspirators' discussions.

The Warren Commission con-  
cluded that Oswald killed Mr.  
Kennedy and acted alone. It  
said that it had found no evi-  
dence of a conspiracy, but added  
that it could not prove the neg-  
ative—that no conspiracy ex-  
isted.

District Attorney Jim Garri-  
son, in limited discussions of his  
investigation, has avoided any  
charge that the assassination  
was the direct result of the al-  
leged plot. "I'm not going to get  
into a discussion of semantics,"  
he once said when asked about  
it.

Under Louisiana law the  
charge lodged against Mr. Shaw  
—conspiracy to commit murder  
—is punishable by a prison term  
of up to 20 years.

Mr. Garrison has de-

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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 as-  
sassination 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 as-  
sassination 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 to-  
day and asked for a jury trial,  
a request that the judge grant-  
ed. 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. An-  
drews "wilfully and unlawfully  
did commit perjury during  
questioning relative to a con-  
spiracy to murder John F. Ken-  
nedy, President of the United  
States." But they did not say  
what the alleged perjury was.

Before his indictment, Mr. An-  
drews had said that he had been  
unable to identify Mr. Shaw as  
"Clay Bertrand," a man he had  
known as a friend of young  
homosexuals.

Mr. Andrews had testified be-  
fore the Warren Commission  
that Clay Bertrand had  
called him on the day Mr. Ken-  
nedy was murdered and asked  
him to go to Dallas to defend  
Oswald.

Mr. Garrison arrested Mr.  
Shaw on March 1, lodging a  
complaint that he had partici-  
pated with Oswald and Mr.  
Ferrie in a plot to kill President  
Kennedy.

In a preliminary hearing last  
week, Mr. Russo—who said he  
was questioned by the district  
attorney's staff after being  
hypnotized three times—testi-  
fied that he had overheard the  
three men plotting the  
assassination in Mr. Ferrie's  
apartment.