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NO IMMEDIATE CHARGE WAS PLACED. WILLIAM GURVICH, THE NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S CHIEF INVESTIGATOR, SAID SHAW "WILL BE CHARGED WITH PARTICIPATING IN A CONSPIRACY TO MURDER JOHN F. KENNEDY"--BUT HE COULDN'T SAY WHEN THE CHARGE WOULD BE FILED.

"SPECIAL CASES TAKE SPECIAL HANDLING," SAID GURVICH AT A TUMULTUOUS NEWS CONFERENCE IN THE ECHOING MARBLE CORRIDOR OUTSIDE GARRISON'S OFFICES. "FOR ALL I KNOW IT COULD BE SEVERAL DAYS."

SHAW, A HANDSOME WELL-DRESSED SIX-FOOTER WITH SILVER HAIR, WAS SUBPOENAED TO APPEAR AT THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. HE ARRIVED AT 12:15 P.M. THE ARREST WAS ANNOUNCED AT 5:45.

IT WAS THE FIRST ARREST IN GARRISON'S 5-MONTH-OLD INVESTIGATION, WHICH HE SAID WILL PROVE THAT A CONSPIRACY BORN HERE "CULMINATED IN THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY" IN DALLAS NOV. 22, 1963.

GARRISON'S PROBE AROUSED INTERNATIONAL INTEREST.

HIS CLAIM OF CONSPIRACY GOES COUNTER TO THE WARREN COMMISSION'S OFFICIAL REPORT THAT LEE HARVEY OSWALD FIRED THE BULLETS THAT KILLED KENNEDY AND WOUNDED TEXAS GOV. JOHN CONNELLY--AND THAT THERE WAS NO CREDIBLE EVIDENCE ANY ONE ELSE WAS INVOLVED.

IN ANNOUNCING GARRISON'S LATEST MOVE, GURVICH READ A BRIEF STATEMENT TO NEWSMEN:

"THE FIRST ARREST HAS BEEN MADE IN THE INVESTIGATION OF THE NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE INTO THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY," HE SAID.

"IT SHOULD BE POINTED OUT," HE ADDED, "THAT THE NATURE OF THIS CASE IS NOT CONDUCIVE TO AN IMMEDIATE SUCCESSION OF ARRESTS AT THIS TIME. HOWEVER, OTHER ARRESTS WILL BE MADE AT A LATER DATE."

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