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More Arrests Sift

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Predicted in DA of JFK Plot

Aid Offers For Shaw Are Claimed

More arrests in the investigation of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy were forecast today, although no time has been set.

The district attorney's office shocked the city yesterday with the arrest of Clay Shaw, former managing director of the International Trade Mart.

Offers of assistance for Shaw have poured in from around the world, his attorney told the States-Item today.

EDWARD F. WEGMANN, the attorney, said Shaw has many friends in many countries around the world and telephone calls expressing "shock and indignation" have been coming in constantly since the arrest.

Wegmann said he would have a statement from Shaw within 24 hours.

Shaw was arrested yesterday and booked on a charge of "conspiracy to commit murder" in Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's probe of the President's slaying in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963.

"THERE WILL be more arrests, a considerable number of them," said Garrison, who has been probing the assassination for the past five months.

Shaw, 54, a decorated Army major in World War II, was released on $10,000 bond last night. His luxurious French Quarter home was searched for nearly three hours by Garrison's agents.

The dozen men who made the search carried away five cardboard boxes filled with various items, including books and a gun in a canvas case. It was not determined whether it was a rifle or a shotgun.

SHAW, A RUGGEDLY handsome, silver-haired man, brushed past newsmen without a word when he was released from the Central Lockup after being booked, fingerprinted and mugged.

He was arrested in Garrison's office, where he had appeared for questioning in response to a subpena.

It was the first arrest in Garrison's probe, which has stirred world-wide interest since it was revealed by The States-Item Feb. 17.

Garrison had recommended a bond of $25,000, but Criminal District Judge Thomas M. Brahney reduced it to $10,000.

The bond was posted by the Summit Fidelity Surety Company, records showed. Bernard Pettingill, a representative of General Bonding Agency Inc., also signed the release order.

Pettingill said the only words uttered by Shaw when he was being driven from the

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CLAY SHAW, in center of picture at left, walks away from the Orleans Parish district attorney's office following his arrest. Flanking him are his attorney, EDWARD F. WEGMANN, left, and LYNN LOISEL, an investigator for the DA. In photo at right, some of Shaw's personal property is removed from his home at 1313 Dauphine.

—States-Item photos.

Central Lockup to his lawyer's car were these:

"It's like a big nightmare —a dream. I keep hoping I will wake up soon and it will all be over."

A bill of information detailing accusations against Shaw was expected to be filed today with Criminal District Judge Bernard J. Bagert.

If the DA fails to file such a bill within a reasonable time after the arrest, Shaw is entitled to demand a preliminary hearing.

The state would then be forced to bring forward all its witnesses to testify against shaw, thus giving away its case.

SHAW'S ARREST was announced nearly six hours after he appeared alone at Garrison's office after having been subpenaed for questioning. His attorney appeared later.

The announcement of Shaw's arrest said:

"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.

"Arrested this evening in the district attorney's office was Clay Shaw, age 54, of 1313 Dauphine st., New Orleans, La.

"Mr. Shaw will be charged with participation in a conspiracy to murder John F. Kennedy.

"It should be pointed out, however, 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."

The booking and the announcement did not specify whether Shaw was being charged with a conspiracy resulting in Kennedy's death—or with a conspiracy, not carried through, to commit the murder.

Asked about this, Garrison replied: "I don't want to get involved in semantics."

The point was brought up due to the wording of the announcement—"a" conspiracy, not "the" conspiracy—and because of the DA's previous remark that several conspiracies were involved.

ASKED WHAT he meant by "immediate succession of arrests," William Gurvich, the chief investigator, explained it as, "no other arrests are imminent. However, an arrest may occur tomorrow, or an arrest may occur a month from now."

In Washington, the Justice Department and the FBI declined comment on Shaw's arrest. Officials in Dallas said Shaw's name was not familiar to them.

Shaw's name does not appear in the records of the Warren Commission.

IN NEW YORK, the commission's former chief counsel, J. Lee Rankin, said, "It is true that as far as I know we've never heard of this person."

Rankin, now New York City's corporation counsel, added, "I'm sorry, I just can't tell you anything about it."

Pat Riley, press secretary for U.S. Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, D-N. Y., brother of the late President, said the senator had no comment whatsoever.

In Cincinnati, the mother of Lee Harvey Oswald, the former New Orleans resident who the Warren Commission says killed Kennedy singlehandedly, said of Shaw's arrest:

"This is the first break for us, because this is what we've been hoping for."

Mrs. Marguerite Oswald told a news conference last night she expects the investigation to lead to the "complete exoneration of my son."

THE INTERNATIONAL Trade Mart is a privately supported, nonprofit organization formed to promote trade through the port.

Shaw retired Oct. 1, 1965, after 18 years as ITM managing director to pursue his personal interests and manage his real estate holdings.

At the retirement ceremony, Shaw was presented a plaque and the International Order of Merit of the City of New Orleans medal.

He was awarded the Croix de Guerre by France during World War II, and the Legion of Merit and Bronze Star by the United States.

Shaw also is a Chevalier of the Order of the Crown of Belgium and while he was director of the mart France made him a "chevalier de l'orde du merite commercial."

BEFORE RETURNING here in 1947, Shaw was briefly engaged in advertising and public relations work in New York City. He was born in Kentwood and moved here at the age of 5.

Shaw had said in an interview last week he never met or spoke to Oswald. However, Shaw said he did remember seeing Oswald passing out leaflets outside the old ITM at Camp and Common.

Also questioned by the DA's office yesterday before Shaw's arrest were Perry R. Russo, 25, of Baton Rouge, and James R. Lewallen, 38, of 4406 Paris ave.

RUSSO SAYS the late David William Ferrie, found dead here last week, talked to him about the Kennedy assassination.

Lewallen said he roomed with Ferrie several years ago in Kenner.

Other developments yesterday included the information that the DA's staff has been questioning patrons of a former French Quarter coffee shop which was frequented by Oswald before the assassination.

THE SHOP, THE Ryder Coffee House, was located at 910 N. Rampart before the building there was demolished.

It was also learned yesterday that federal police in Mexico City are questioning 14 people who met Oswald during his trip there in the fall of 1963.

This news was published by Novedades, a Mexico City daily newspaper.

The paper's night editor, Daniel R. Nava, said in New Orleans that most of the 14 are Cuban exiles.

ONE OF THEM, he said, is a young Mexican woman who was working in the Cuban embassy then.

Nava said Oswald tried and failed to get a visa to visit Cuba on the trip. Nava is in New Orleans to cover developments in Garrison's probe.

He said, "The questioning of the 14 people started very recently and was probably caused by news of Mr. Garrison's investigation."

HE SAID THE Mexican po-

lice are running their probe alone.

Friends of Clay Shaw indicated that while Shaw held conservative political views, he was an admirer of the late president. One former associate said he voted for JFK in 1960.

In March of 1961, he was publicly quoted as hailing JFK's Alliance for Progress for Latin America. As ITM chief, Shaw had direct contact with Latin American affairs.

Shaw noted that the Alliance would help New Orleans' economy. He said shipments to Latin America under the program "will mean a tremendous amount of business for those ports that are ready to provide the facilities for handling this."

IN HIS ITM role, Shaw traveled extensively, making trade promotion trips to Cuba in 1949 and 1957.

Since his retirement from ITM in 1965, Shaw has made trips to Mexico and Spain. He has been spending most of his time on travel and literary activities. Shaw once published a play which has been performed by many amateur groups and was made into a movie.

Shaw's grandfather, also named Clay, was sheriff of Tangipahoa Parish in the early 1900s.

Criminal Conspiracy Is Defined in Code

The revised Louisiana Code of Criminal Procedure, which was adopted at the alst session of the Legislature and went into effect Jan. 1, covers the subject of criminal conspiracy.

It says:

"Criminal conspiracy is the agreement or combination of two or more persons for the specific purpose of committing any crime: provided that an agreement or combination to commit a crime shall not amount to a criminal conspiracy unless, in addition to such agreement or combination, one or more of such parties does an act in furtherance of the object of the agreement or combination.

"Where the intended basic crime has been consummated, the conspirators may be tried for either the conspiracy or the completed offense, and a conviction for one shall not bar a prosecution for the other.

"Whoever is a party to a criminal conspiracy to commit a crime punishable by death or life imprisonment, shall be imprisoned at hard

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JAMES LEWALLEN
Questioned

up after Secret Service agents labor for not less than one nor more than 20 years.

"Whoever is a party to a criminal conspiracy to commit any other crime (besides theft or receiving stolen things) shall be fined or imprisoned, or both, in the same manner as for the offense contemplated by the conspirators; but such fine or imprisonment shall not exceed one half of the largest fine or one half the longest term of imprisonment prescribed for such an offense, or both."