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Await New Move In Garrison Probe

New developments in District Attorney Jim Garrison's probe of the President Kennedy assassination were awaited today, following questioning of the fifth man in a week.

Prior to the public revelation that an nvestigation into the Dallas shooting was being conducted here, Garrison and his staff had questoined a number of persons here and in other key cities.

Five other men have pushed through the thick mahogany doors to Garrison's suite of offices, answering subpenas connected with the probe.

ONLY ONE, Clay Shaw, has been arrested thus far. Shaw was booked with conspiring to "commit the crime of murder of John F. Kennedy."

Worldwide interest has not had an opportunity to fall off since Garrison's pronouncement that there would be arrests and convictions as a result of his investigation of what he says was a New Orleans conspiracy culminating in the assassination Nov. 22, 1963, in Dallas.

Interest in the case has been unwavering. A subpena has been issued every weekday since last Wednesday when Shaw, retired managing director of the International Trade Mart, was arrested.

THE TEMPO of the investigation picked up once again yesterday when Garrison subpenaed J. B. Dauenhauer, a onetime assistant to Shaw at the old trade mart.

Dauenhauer arrived at Garrison's office with his lawyer, Irving Dymond, who said on leaving an hour and a half later that his client "cooperated to the utmost."

Dymond said, "In my opinion, Mr. Dauenhauer has nothing to do with any conspiracy if one existed."

He said Garrison's staff apparently was of the same opinion.

DAUENHAUER served with Shaw in France during World War II and is a bookkeeper for the Cross-Country Development Corp., which manages

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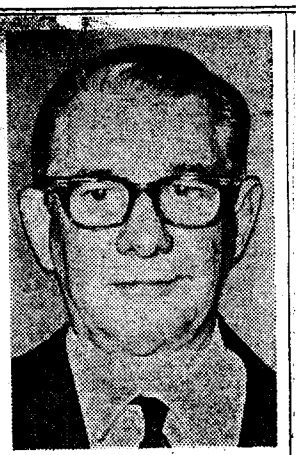
the Trade Mart's new 33-story office building at the foot of Canal.

Shaw was managing director of the Trade Mart from 1946 until his retirement in 1965. Dauenhauer was hired as assistant sales manager under Shaw in 1946.

Lee Harvey Oswald, named by the Warren Commission as the President's assassin, handed out "Fair Play for Cuba" leaflets outside the old Trade Mart in the summer of 1963.

SHAW told newsmen he had "never seen or spoken to Oswald" and could not recall knowing anyone who ever



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J. B. DAUENHAUER

knew him.

In an application for a warrant to search Shaw's French Quarter home last week, Garrison alleged that Shaw, Oswald and pilot David W. Ferrie met and discussed "how they would kill John F. Kennedy."

Shaw, who is free under $10,000 bond pending a preliminary hearing March 14, denied knowing Ferrie. Ferrie died Feb. 22 while under investigation by Garrison's office. His death was attributed to natural causes by the Orleans Parish Coroner's Office.

YESTERDAY, Garrison was charged with "serious breaches of profession ethics" by the American Civil Liberties Union of Louisiana.

Alan E. Helseth, ACLU executive director said a "Roman circus" has developed around the DA's "investigation into an alleged plot to assassinate President Kennedy."

He said the U.S. Supreme Court "has put prosecutors on notice that convictions obtained principally through an excess of pre-judicial pre-trial publicity, or even in an atmosphere of such publicity, will not be allowed to stand."

HELSETHE said that "assuming he has a genuine case against conspirators, his present activities could quite possibly serve to protect those guilty.

"Under these circumstances," he added, "it appears that Mr. Garrison should be making every effort to make his case as valid as possible, so that the accused conspirators might be brought to justice, rather than giving his role as publicist first priority."

"Truth and Consequences Inc.", the businessmen's fund formed to allow Garrison to conduct his assassination plot probe in secrecy, is reported receiving contributions from all over the country.

JOSEPH M. Rault Jr., one of the men responsible for instigating the fund, said today money and mail from everywhere are pouring into his office.

"I can't say how much it amounts to because I just got back into town," Rault said. "But we just can't get through all the mail."

Rault said he has not yet received one critical letter.

"A kid from Michigan University sent $5," he said, and "A secretary from New York sends $25 and a nice, long letter. Some letters don't even have any address; they just say 'To Joe Rault, New Orleans.' I don't know how they get to my office."

RAULT said the letters number in the hundreds and he added that the money comes unsolicited.

Rault said a group of businessmen have agreed to finance the investigation for five years if necessary. The fund enables Garrison to send investigators around the country without giving away the locations of clues they seek.