Mart Aide Quizzed In JFK Death Probe

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NEW ORLEANS, March 6 — A weary-looking, gray-haired bookkeeper from the International Trade Mart was summoned for questioning today in District Attorney Jim Garrison's investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy.

J. B. Dauenhauer, who once served as an assistant to Clay Shaw at the Trade Mart, was subpoenaed by Garrison's men as the American Civil Liberties Union of Louisiana accused the District Attorney of producing "a Roman circus."

Dauenhauer was the fifth witness subpoenaed in the investigation. He and his attorney, F. Irvin Dymond, left the District Attorney's courthouse suite after about an hour of questioning. Dymond told reporters that his client had "cooperated to the utmost," but "unfortunately has not been able to shed light on anything actually material to the investigation."

Dymond said Dauenhauer had "nothing to do with any conspiracy, if any existed." The attorney also said he was unaware why his client had been subpoenaed rather than quietly invited to the courthouse.

The Civil Liberties Union, which has cited Garrison before, denounced him for what it calls "serious breaches of professional ethics" in his investigation of the President's death.

The District Attorney's shenanigans, A.C.L.U. said, show that "Mr. Garrison is either unaware of what is currently being demanded of prosecutors (by the Supreme Court) or he simply doesn't care."

Garrison's office gave no explanation of why Dauenhauer had to be brought in under a subpoena. Shaw was arrested by Garrison last week on a charge of conspiring to assassinate the late President.

Dauenhauer worked as Assistant Sales Manager under Shaw, Trade Mart director for 18 years before his retirement in 1965.

Now a bookkeeper and assistant building manager at the new 3-story Trade Mart, Dauenhauer and Shaw were said to have served together in the Army in World War II. Like Shaw, Dauenhauer comes from an old Louisiana family; his father was Sheriff of nearby Jefferson Parish in the 1920s.

Garrison plans a string of separate trials for Shaw and any others who might be arrested on charges of plotting to murder Mr. Kennedy, according to private Detective William Gurvich who has been aiding Garrison in the investigation.

"We'll present only as much evidence as we need to show probable cause," Gurvich declared. "If we need two witnesses, we'll have two. If we need 10, we'll get 10."

"Shaw is not the biggest man we have (to arrest) yet," he added. "As far as people who are known prominently, he might be the heaviest but as far as participation in the plot goes, he might not necesssarily be the heaviest."