

Jury Convicts Andrews In Kennedy Plot Story

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—A jury convicted Dean Andrews today of lying to a grand jury about a mysterious figure in the alleged New Orleans plot to assassinate President John F. Kennedy.

Guilty on three of five perjury counts, the Criminal District Court jury decided at 1:30 a.m., after deliberating 2 hours and 40 minutes.

"I really shouldn't complain," said Andrews with a heavy sigh moments before he was hustled off to jail. "If I didn't have bad luck, I wouldn't have any at all."

Defense attorney Harry Burglass immediately announced an appeal will be filed on many points of law.

Sentencing Waits

Judge Frank J. Shea did not set a date for sentencing.

Burglass said Andrews, 44, will not be eligible for bond until he has been sentenced. Maximum sentence would be five years.

The case went to the jury before midnight after marathon debate for five days and included a Sunday session—so unusual the judge had to check the lawbooks to see if it was legal.

The trial was before a five-man jury because the charge of perjury is a misdemeanor under Louisiana law. Twelve-member juries are reserved for felony cases.

In final arguments, the state accused Andrews of trying "to play games" with the Orleans Parish grand jury which is probing an alleged assassination plot.

Trapped in Gun Stories

The prosecution said Andrews wound up trapped in lies.

On the contrary, said Burglass, what the state truly indicated to Andrews was: "Tell us what we want to hear, Dean, and then it's all right."

Five counts of perjury against Andrews, a lawyer who once advised Lee Harvey Oswald on minor legal matters, were filed primarily because he said he said.

could not identify Clay L. Shaw as the mysterious Clay Bertrand.

Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison contends that Shaw, 54, a wealthy New Orleans businessman, used "Bertrand" as an alias to plot the murder of Kennedy.

The Warren Commission said Oswald acted alone in the 1963 assassination at Dallas, Tex.

The defense rested its case after playing a voice tape of Andrews' replies to state interrogation before the grand jury March 16.

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"He told them the truth," said Burglass. "But he's got a jivey way of doing it. He told them Clay Shaw was not Clay Bertrand, but they say he lied."

"Most of us live humdrum lives. But something exciting happened to Dean—Bertrand. Up until that time, he didn't have an enemy in the world. He was on TV, he was here, he was there. He got swirled up into something a lot bigger than anything he had ever dreamed."

A desire for attention, said Asst. Dist. Atty. James Alcock, is not an excuse for lying to the grand jury trying to determine whether there was a conspiracy to kill a president.

Alcock stressed that Andrews, at his second grand jury appearance, identified Bertrand as Eugene Davis, a French Quarter bar owner—and when asked why he hadn't said so before, replied:

"So I lied. So I committed perjury. I don't know what I



—Associated Press

Dean Andrews Jr. is hustled off to jail after being found guilty of perjury before a New Orleans grand jury probing an alleged conspiracy in the John F. Kennedy assassination.