## Clay Bertrand Never Existed, Says Andrews

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By ROSEMARY JAMES Dean Adams Andrews Jr., the New Orleans attorney charged with perjury in Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's Kennedy assassination probe, said today that the mysterious Clay Bertrand "never existed".

Farrison has charged that retired businessman Clay L. Shaw, using the name Bertrand as an alias participated in a conspiracy to murder the President.

The name Clay Bertrand was first mentioned by Andrews, who told the Warren Commission that a man by that name called him to defend Lee Harvey Oswald, accused assassin of President Kennedy, after the murder in Dallas Nov. 22, 1963.

TODAY, ANDREWS, speaking at the Press Club of New Orleans, said there is only one important point about Bertrand and that point is:

and that point is: "Clay Shaw ain't Clay Bertrand. Amen."

Andrews was indicted for perjury after he refused to identify Shaw as Bertrand for the Orleans Parish Grand Jury. The hip-talking lawyer, wearing his ever-present dark glasses and a fresh sun tan, said: "Years ago I was introduced to a fellow at a gay wedding reception. The boy never used the name Clay Bertrand. I was just introduced to him as Clay Bertrand." Andrews said that he had

"ducked the Warren Commission" as long as he could. The heavy-set lawyer, speaking in the jazzman's jargon, said he told commission investigators: "Look, man, I don't want to talk. I'm going to tell you a bunch of lies. 'Will you tell them under oath?' they say, and I say, 'Be my guest.

ANDREWS outlined his circumstances as a man indicted in an investigation which has drawn national attention. He said that you have to get used to attention like, "the old lady in the elevator who sticks you in the back and says' Why don't you tell Big Jim the fruth?" Andrews said that anyone

who gets charged with a crime has several courses of action. "In some instances you hustle a fix . . . Me, though, I'm a harpooned whale dragged up on the beach, I got nowhere to go."

HE SAID THAT trying "to duck the press" is a waste of time and you can "no comment . . . no comment . . . no comment" or you can "open up your mouth and put your foot in it," he said. TION TWO-PAGE EIGHT

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## Andrews Still Says 'Clay Shaw Ain't Clay Bertrand'

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Club Luncheon

Attorney Speaks at Press of time because he never existed can't get away. I got nowhere lieve, Clay Shaw ain't Clay in the context most people seem to go."

to imagine." BECAME INVOLVED "Clay Shaw ain't Clay Bertrand . . . and I'm the only one that knows it." Speaking at the Press Club Andrews described a day he Andrews said there is no sense pins asking why you don't tell newsmakers luncheon Monday spent in his office in 1963. Dean Andrews who made the "I was going fishing, but was much quoted statement, "You've just sitting at my desk day-got the right ha ha, but the dreaming when this character wrong ho ho," said he met Lee Harvey Oswald walks into Bertrand at what he termed a my office. I stayed to listen to "gay wedding." But he added, "I was only introduced to him." make some bread. But I haven't The lawyer said he didn't made any bread I should have think Lee Harvey Oswald knew gone fishing." newsmakers luncheon Monday spent in his office in 1963.

"Now I'm like a harpooned truth, he continued. Bertrand, "And the emphasis on Bertrand's identity is a waste whale hauled onto the beach. I

Andrews told newsmen that trying to duck the press is a he has faced since the "mess" Explaining how he became waste of time. Referring to started. "You have fat old ladies i involved in the assassination District Attorney Jim Garrison, sticking you in the behind with s

"Truth doesn't interest me; what does interest me is the facts. And one fact is I'm not guilty," he said pointing to himself.

**EXPECTED TO KNOW** 

He said the FBI expects him to remember when Oswald walked into his office. "They expect me to open a 16-cent file on every character that comes in."

He said he was the original critic of the Warren Commission because "I told them what I thought."

"And I may be the only cat in history that's indicted, tried and convicted in the assassination of President Kennedy."

He added, "at first I thought they had me for something I'd really done.'

WLL BE TRIED

Although he will be tried Aug. 9, Andrews said the trial won't resolve the issue. "I could care less what any-I body thinks - except I'll tell you one thing you better be-h

Andrews told of the problems He said some "nuts" send t

Bertrand," he repeated.