

'Plot' Arrests

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Clay Shaw, a New Orleans civic leader and former Army major, was booked today on a "conspiracy" charge in the Kennedy assassination and District Attorney Jim Garrison promised "more arrests—a considerable number of them."

Garrison, the 6-foot-6 prosecutor whose five-month investigation has stirred new controversy over the Dallas tragedy, shocked New Orleans by accusing the 54-year-old Shaw of "participation in a conspiracy to murder Kennedy."

The silver-haired business leader was then released on \$10,000 bond.

Shaw's name does not appear in the Warren Commission report on the assassination. The name of Clay Bertrand did appear prominently in the report.

In Washington, the Justice Dept. and the FBI declined comment on Shaw's arrest. Dallas police said they knew nothing about it.

"Clay Bertrand" was described in the Warren Report as a man who had tried to get a New Orleans lawyer to go to Dallas and defend Lee Harvey Oswald the day after the assassination—before Oswald was shot.

The lawyer, Dean Andrews, told commission counsel Wesley Liebeler that on that Sunday he had contacted a well-known criminal lawyer, Sam (Monk) Zelden, about taking Oswald's case.

But while he was talking to Zelden, Andrews testified, the news came that Jack Ruby had shot Oswald. "Don't worry about it," he quoted Zelden as saying. "Your client's just been shot."

Garrison made no reference to the "Bertrand" testimony in announcing Shaw's arrest.

Garrison also is known to have questioned Andrews, now an assistant district attorney in neighboring Jefferson Parish.

Andrews, contacted by the New York Post after Shaw's arrest, was asked whether he thinks "Bertrand" and Shaw are the same man—whether Shaw actually is "Bertrand."

"Not in my book they ain't," he said. "I don't know if he is



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CLAY SHAW
Under arrest.

and I don't know if he isn't. I couldn't say for sure. I don't know. They're two separate people as far as I'm concerned."

Shaw was released on \$10,000 bond after his arrest. His luxurious French Quarter home was searched for nearly three hours by Garrison's detectives, who seized five cardboard boxes filled with various items, including books and a rifle in a canvas case.

The silver-haired Shaw a ruggedly handsome man who was decorated by the U.S., French and Belgian governments after his World War II service in Europe, retired in 1965 after 18 years as managing director of the New Orleans International Trade Mart.

He lives in a remodeled carriage house on an old estate in New Orleans' Vieux Carre section and is described by one neighbor as a "quiet, interesting, intelligent person."

A close friend said Shaw's arrest was "incredible." He said he had visited Shaw several months ago and that when the subject of the assassination came up Shaw had expressed "astonishment and horror" over it.

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