

ANDREWS IS FREED ON BOND OF \$2,500

18-Month Sentence Is Meted for Perjury

Attorney Dean A. Andrews Jr. went free Thursday on a \$2,500 appeals bond after receiving three 18-month terms in Parish Prison for three perjury convictions in Criminal District Court.

Towards the end of a hearing delayed while information on Andrews' medical condition was being obtained, Judge Frank J. Shea handed down the sentence and specified the terms will run concurrently.

Judge Shea ordered the appeals bond after Andrews' attorneys offered a motion for an appeal of the conviction.

Andrews' maximum sentence would have been 15 years, if he had been sentenced to three five-year consecutive terms. In that case he would not have been permitted to make bond pending appeal.

His conviction was returned Monday morning in Judge Shea's section of court on three of five perjury counts obtained in an indictment by the Orleans Parish Grand Jury. Each count cited testimony before the body concerning District Attorney Jim Garrison's Kennedy assassination probe.

In sentencing Andrews, Judge Shea said perjury is a crime which erodes the foundation of the entire judicial process and "must not be condoned."

"If not suppressed, it will make meaningless the truth and will encourage willful and irresponsible falsehoods among those who now fear the consequences of such a lie," the judge said.

MOTIONS DENIED

Before the sentencing, Judge Shea denied defense motions for a new trial and for an arrest in judgment.

Harry Burglass, an attorney for Andrews, then asked that sentencing be delayed until

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questions on his client's medical condition could be answered.

The doctor from Parish Prison, where Andrews has been confined since his conviction, testified that Andrews is suffering from three things: edema (accumulation of body fluids in body tissue); septicemic shock (a bacterial blood infection); and cardiac decomposition (slowing down or decomposition of the heart).

Andrews was hospitalized for pneumonia in 1963 and for septicemic shock and heart failure in 1965.

Judge Shea's remarks in sentencing Andrews continued:

"Perjury is all the more reprehensible in the words of an attorney since it can only lead to contempt for the law and courts. I am also aware in imposing my sentence that the defendant, if the conviction is affirmed, will suffer an additional severe punishment in that he will probably be prohibited from engaging in the practice of law, which has been his means of livelihood for the past 15 years."

Two other motions concerned with the assassination investigation were filed in Criminal District Court Thursday.

PERMISSION GIVEN

Attorneys for conspiracy defendant Clay L. Shaw received permission for Shaw to leave the jurisdiction of the court until Sept. 5 in order to visit his mother, who is ill in Hammond.

Burton Klein, attorney for Miguel Torres, filed a motion to stay Torres' appearance before the Grand Jury next week. The motion argues that Torres, now serving a burglary sentence at the Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola, fears

self-incrimination before the jury because he believes Garrison plans to file charges against him in connection with his appearance on a national television program critical of Garrison.

Andrews was asked to take a seat in the jury box after being escorted to Judge Shea's court Thursday morning. Burglass entered the court room about 9:34 a. m., and seeing Andrews in the jury box, greeted him with "Deano."

Burglass apparently asked Andrews something about final remarks before sentencing. Andrews, rising from his seat, said, "Leave my kids out of this."

He instructed Burglass just to say he was ready for sentencing. However, Burglass did mention that Andrews has a family to support.

Judge Shea entered the courtroom shortly after and asked the prosecution if it wanted to make oral arguments on motions for arrested judgment and for a new trial.

Assistant District Attorney Richard V. Burnes said the state denied allegations in the motions. The motions argued that Andrews' indictment was defective and that the judge's charge to the jury was open to question.

After the judge denied the motions Burglass said the defense would take bills of exception to the rulings for possible appeal and asked for sentencing.

The defense is expected to appeal to the Louisiana Supreme Court.

FAMILY MENTIONED

In final remarks, Burglass



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said Andrews "has a family solely dependent on him."

"We know, too, that this conviction carries overtones exceeding those that it would have to others. He is a practicing attorney. He could no longer practice law."

Burglass added that his client's health "is not what it ought to be."

Judge Shea said he wanted to know Andrews' actual condition and asked that the defense contact his physician to get a medical report.

After conferring with An-

draws, Burglass said Andrews told him the information could not be obtained in a brief period of time.

"He asked that he be sentenced today," Burglass said.

Saying he wanted all factors concerning the defendant before sentencing him, Judge Shea instructed the defense to contact the doctor by phone.

The report was obtained as the court took up other matters and was stated to the judge after noon, just before sentencing.