Michoud Plant Employe Questioned in DA Probe

Dante Marachini Fourth Witness Subpenaed

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Dante Marachini, a native of Brooklyn, N. Y., presently employed by the Chrysler Company at the Michoud Assembly Facility, completed 90 minutes of answering questions at 5:55 p. m. Friday as the fourth witness subpensed by District Attorney Jim Garrison in his presidential murder probe.

Marachini, 42, entered Garrison's office at 4:25 p. m. after the subpena was delivered to his home, 4951 Music, at about 2:50 p. m.

When entering Garrison's office, Marachini told newsmen, "I don't know what this thing is all about."

After being questioned, he left the office escorted by DA's assistants Numa Bertel and James Alcock, and investigator Fenner Sedgebeer.

Wading through a sea of camera equipment and waiting reporters, Marachini commented, "Do we have to push our way through?" He made no further comment. The assistant DAs and the investigator then led him down a stairwell, and they left the Criminal District Courts building.

OTHERS CALLED

Those previously called before the DA's investigators in the expanding probe to prove that a New Orleans conspiracy resulted in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy are James R. Lewallen, Clay L. Shaw and Dean Andrews Jr.

Lewallen, an employe of the Boeing Company at Michoud, and Andrews, an assistant district attorney in Jefferson Parish, left Garrison's compound after being questioned earlier

However, Shaw, the widely-known former managing director of the International Trade Mart, was arrested in Garrison's office and was later booked with participating in a conspiracy to murder President Kennedy. Shaw, who strongly denied the charge, was released

Marachini, ive feet, seven inches tall, had not previously been mentioned in the DA's expanding investigation. His role in the probe was first

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known Friday when an order for issuance of a subpena, signed by Criminal District Court Judge Matthew S. Braniff, was announced.

According to Criminal Sheriff Louis A. Heyd Jr., Marachini was not at home when the subpena was delivered to his home. It was given to his wife, Heyd said. The order was for Marachini to appear at 5 p.m.

Assistant DA Alcock said "no comment" when asked Mara-chini's connection with the investigation.

An authoritative source, contacted Friday, said the latest witness in the case works as a parts scheduler for Chrysler. He attended high school and technical school in Bari, Italy, from 1943 through 1949.

WORK REPORTED

The source said Marachini returned to the United States and went to work in Chicago, Ill., in 1951 for the Whitco Chemical Company. The next record shows that he was unemployed from November, 1961, to January, 1962, during which month he moved to New Orleans and began working for the James E. Comiskey Co. Inc. until August, 1962.

From that month until November, 1962, he was again un-

employed.

In April, 1963, Marachini went to work for the Standard Coffee Company, which has facilities at both 725 Magazine and 640 Magazine. It was during this same period that Lee Harvey Oswald, named by the Warren Commission as the lone killer of President Kennedy, was employed by the William B. Riley Coffee Company Inc. located at 640 Magazine.

Both coffee firms are owned by the William B. Reily Com-

pany Inc.

Oswald arrived in New Orleans in late April, 1963, leaving his wife and daughter in Texas, and went to work for Reily shortly thereafter.

Shortly before being fired by Reily July 19, Oswald commented to Adrian Alba, operator of the Crescent City Garage located at 618 Magazine, that he was dissatisfied with his job and he was going "out there where the gold is."

Oswald explained that the gold was the "pot of gold at the end of the rainbow that everybody

looks for."

Alba asked where he meant. **'OUT IN GENTILLY'**

Oswald said "out in Gentilly. Over at the space agency." He then explained that he was referring to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration plant at Michoud.

"I'm in like Flynn," added Oswald. "In only three or four days I'm going to give my no-tice, and then I'm going to get

that pot of gold."

However, a check at Michoud showed that no one named Lee Harvey Oswald ever applied for work with any companies there.

After Oswald's dismissal July 19, Marachini worked for Standard Coffee only until the following month. It was in August, 1963, that Marachini began work as a planning and specifications man for Chrysler at Michoud.

In other developments, Andrews, the witness for the Warren Commission who brought the name "Clay Bertrand" into the picture, said through an attorney that he does not know if Bertrand and Clay L. Shaw are the same man.

Garrison has stated that Clay Bertrand is an alias that was used by Shaw in caling Andrews after Kennedy's assassination and asking the attorney to represent Oswaia.

Andrews' attorney, Sam Monk Zelden, told newsmen that Andrews saw Bertrand only twice and that Bertrand "was mostly

a voice on the phone.'

Another development brought about by Dr. Donald Gallant, a professor of psychiatry at Tulane University Medical School, who stated that the truth serum drug, formally so-dium pentothal, is "quite unre-liable" in determing whether a person is actually telling the truth.

A search warrant, used Wednesday night by Garrison's investigators to enter and search Shaw's French Quarter home, explained that the drug had been voluntarily used by an unidentified informant who told investigators of a meeting between Shaw, Oswald and David W. Ferrie, another principal in the case who died last week.

· The informant reportedly todl probers that the three, along with other persons thus far unnamed, sat in Ferrie's apart-ment and plotted to kill President Kennedy. The meeting allegedly took place in September, 1963, two months before Kennedy was shot in Dallas, Tex.

However, Dr. Gallant said Friday that a person can still lie while under the serium's influence.

Natural pearls come in a variety of colors, among them white, cream, pink, yellow and black.