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# Balky Witness Facing Arrest In Shaw Probe

NEW ORLEANS, March 23 (UPI). — A judge has ordered a New Orleans tavern owner who left town ahead of a subpoena to return at once and post \$50,000 bond to insure his availability as an "important and material witness" in an investigation of a Kennedy assassination plot.

District Attorney Jim Garrison, who is masterminding the investigation, filed an affidavit Thursday saying that if Gordon Novel was not returned the grand jury would be "deprived of a most important and material witness."

## THREATENS ARREST

Judge Matthew F. Braniff acted quickly. He said that if Novel did not return promptly he would order his arrest as a fugitive and extradite him.

Novel, who was in Columbus, O., Wednesday night called Garrison's investigation of a plot to kill President John F. Kennedy a "fraud," politically motivated and "a police state inquisition."

Novel checked out of a motel room in Columbus early Thursday, however, and left a note saying he could not stay longer because of "pressure from New Orleans." He indicated he was going to Chicago.

## SHAW QUILTS HOSPITAL

Garrison and the Orleans parish grand jury brought two more figures into the investigation Thursday and the chief figure — retired businessman Clay L. Shaw — left Southern Baptist Hospital for a weekend



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Gordon Novel, former French Quarter bar owner, has been threatened with arrest unless he appears as a material witness in New Orleans probe of plot to kill President Kennedy.

in the sand and surf on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

The two new figures were Donald Dooty, whom Garrison subpoenaed to appear Friday for questioning "in the State's case against Clay L. Shaw," and Layton Martens.

Dooty, 35, a tall, slim man with a red beard, entered the office at 1:10 P. M. and left 2½ hours later.

The grand jury subpoenaed Martens to appear at a session next Wednesday. Martens' name has been mentioned before.

During a preliminary hearing last week on conspiracy charges against Shaw, Shaw's lawyer asked a witness, Perry Russo, of Baton Rouge, La., whether he knew Layton Martens. Russo

said he did not.

## ARRESTED IN 1963

New Orleans police records revealed Martens was arrested Nov. 25, 1963, three days after Mr. Kennedy's assassination, "relative to vagrancy under investigation of subversive activities," and was held for the FBI and Secret Service.

At the time of his arrest, Martens gave his address as 3330 Louisiana Avenue Parkway. David Ferrie lived at the same address when he was found dead last month.

Russo has testified that he sat in on a meeting between Shaw, Lee Harvey Oswald and Ferrie and heard them plotting to kill Mr. Kennedy.

## CHARGES DENIED

The Warren Commission, whose investigation of the Nov. 22, 1963, assassination of Mr. Kennedy in Dallas was authorized by President Johnson, said Oswald acted alone and there was no evidence of conspiracy.

Largely on Russo's testimony, Shaw was ordered held and the grand jury subsequently indicted him for conspiring to kill the President. Shaw denies the charges and is expected to plead innocent at his arraignment next week.