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Shaw Indicted in 'Plot' To Murder Kennedy

NEW ORLEANS, La. (AP) — A grand jury has indicted Clay L. Shaw on a charge of "willfully and unlawfully conspiring" to murder President John F. Kennedy.

Shaw, 54, headed for a hideaway today on the Mississippi Gulf Coast with Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's approval.

Shaw, who retired in October 1965 as managing director of the International Trade Mart here, has been free on \$10,000 bond since his arrest March 1.

Garrison had said earlier he would bypass the grand jury and file a bill of information before bringing Shaw to trial.

Garrison already had won a ruling from a three-judge state court panel that sufficient evidence was presented at a preliminary hearing to warrant holding Shaw for trial.

Russo Appears

Shaw was charged by the grand jury's true bill with "willfully and unlawfully conspiring with David W. Ferrie, Lee Harvey Oswald and unnamed others to murder John F. Kennedy."

Perry Raymond Russo, 25, star witness for Garrison in last week's emotional court hearing, made a surprise appearance before the grand jury before the announcement of the indictment.

Russo told the three-judge court last week he heard Shaw, Ferrie and Oswald plotting in mid-September 1963 to kill Ken-

nedy. Shaw is the only one of the conspirators named in the indictment who is still living.

Ferrie, 47, was found dead in bed here Feb. 22. Ferrie was under investigation at that time by Garrison.

The Warren Commission concluded that Oswald was the sole assassin of Kennedy in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963. No evidence could be found, the commission said, of a conspiracy but it said that it could not categorically establish that there was no conspiracy.

Oswald was shot in the basement of the Dallas police station by Jack Ruby two days after the assassination.

Shaw was discharged from Southern Baptist Hospital here last night after being treated for fatigue and an old back injury. He entered the hospital Saturday.

His attorneys filed a motion yesterday, approved by Garrison, asking permission for Shaw to spend the Easter holidays at an unspecified location on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. The attorneys said Shaw could return to the city within three hours if necessary.

Gordon Novel, 29, who testified before the grand jury on March 16, was subpoenaed for another appearance today but he turned up in Columbus, Ohio, where he said he did not want to return here without a guarantee of immunity from "harassment."

Said He Knew Shaw

He said he knew Shaw "but not in connection with this." He also said he "indirectly" knew a "David Ferrie," but did not know Russo.

Novel was quoted in Columbus as describing the Garrison investigation as "a fraud" and that he first helped the district attorney but "Garrison double-crossed me."

Previously he had told a newsman here he thought Garrison wanted to question him about activities "during 1961 which are related to Mr. Sergio Arcacha Smith."

Arcacha, now a Dallas resident, said he never heard of Novel. Arcacha headed an anti-Castro group here in 1961 which had offices in a small Camp Street building about five blocks from Canal Street. Some of the pro-Castro Fair Play for Cuba leaflets handed out by Oswald here in August 1963 carried the same address.