

# RISH GRAND JURY DICTS CLAY SHAW

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## ANDREWS PLEA IS NOT GUILTY

Arraigned Before Shea on  
Perjury Charge

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Dean A. Andrews Jr. Wednesday pleaded not guilty to a charge of perjury in connection with the investigation of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Andrews, who is suspended from his job as assistant district attorney in Jefferson Parish, was arraigned Wednesday before Criminal District Court Judge Frank Shea. His attorneys asked for a jury trial and one was granted. No date was set.

Andrews, 44, a lawyer who says Lee Harvey Oswald consulted him in 1963 on minor legal matters, was indicted last Thursday by the Orleans Parish Grand Jury when he appeared for the second time in connection with District Attorney Jim Garrison's probe of the Kennedy slaying. No specific reason was given for the action.

The indictment charged Andrews "did willfully and unlawfully commit perjury during questioning relative to a conspiracy to murder John F. Kennedy, President of the United States."

At Wednesday's arraignment, Judge Shea gave Andrews' lawyers, Sam Monk Zelden and Ralph Barnett, until April 10 to file motions in the case. Andrews was allowed to remain free under \$1,000 bond.

A short, chubby man whose trademarks are dark glasses and slang, Andrews ambled into the courtroom Wednesday at 10:37 a. m. with a smile on his face.

Andrews testified before the Warren Commission that he was contacted after the Kennedy assassination by a "Clay

Bertrand" who asked him to defend Lee Harvey Oswald, accused of the shooting.

Garrison claims that Bertrand is an alias for Clay L. Shaw, charged with criminal conspiracy in the assassination. Andrews said he is unable to confirm this.

Photographers, camera men and all electronic devices were barred from the third floor of the courthouse, where Shea's courtroom is located.

## Conspiracy to Slay JFK Charged in True Bill

The Orleans Parish Grand Jury returned an indictment against Clay L. Shaw Wednesday afternoon, renewing District Attorney Jim Garrison of having to file a bill of information against Shaw, whom Garrison has accused of conspiring to murder President John F. Kennedy.

The jury returned the true bill at 4:55 p. m. before Criminal District Court Judge Matthew S. Braniff, charging that Shaw, 54-year-old former International Trade Mart managing director, "did wilfully and unlawfully conspire" to murder Kennedy.

Earlier Wednesday, Perry Raymond Russo, a 25-year-old Baton Rouge insurance salesman who was Garrison's star witness in a four-day preliminary hearing for Shaw last week, also testified before the grand jury in a surprise appearance.

### NOVEL IN WASHINGTON

At the hearing, Russo claimed that he was present in September, 1963, when Shaw, Lee Harvey Oswald and David W. Ferrie allegedly plotted the presidential assassination.

It was learned that Gordon Novel, for whom a subpoena to appear Wednesday had been issued, was in Washington, according to his attorney, Steven R. Plotkin. Criminal sheriff's deputies were unsuccessful Tuesday night in trying to serve the subpoena on Novel at the Jamaican Village, 800 N. Rampart. Deputies were told there that Novel had sold the bar Sunday, three days after his first appearance before the grand jury.

### TEXT IS GIVEN

The text of the indictment returned against Shaw follows:

"The grand jury of the State of Louisiana, duly impaneled and sworn in and for the body of the Parish of Orleans, in the name and by the authority of the said state, upon their oath, presents that one Clay L. Shaw, late of the Parish of Orleans, between the first day

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## SHAW INDICTED BY GRAND JURY

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of September and the tenth day of October, in the year of Our Lord 1963, with force and arms in the Parish of Orleans aforesaid, and within the jurisdiction of the Criminal District Court for the Parish of Orleans, did wilfully and unlawfully conspire with David W. Ferrie, herein named but not charged, and Lee Harvey Oswald, herein named but not charged, and others not herein named, to murder John F. Kennedy."

The indictment was signed by assistant DA Alvin Oser.

Oswald was named by the Warren Commission as President Kennedy's lone assassin, and was murdered two days after the Nov. 22, 1963, assassination by the late Jack Ruby.

Ferrie, a free-lance pilot, died Feb. 22 in his Louisiana ave. pkwy. apartment.

### RELEASED ON BOND

Judge Braniff, one of the three judges who presided at Shaw's hearing, explained that



PERRY RAYMOND RUSSO Appears before Grand Jury.

Garrison could have either filed a bill of information or presented the case to the grand jury, as he did. Had the jury returned a no-true-bill decision, the judge added, the DA could

have still brought Shaw's case to trial with a bill of information.

After the indictment was read, Braniff released Shaw on his present \$10,000 bond, but suggested that Shaw's attorneys be contacted so that the defendant may appear Thursday morning for a technical resigning of the bond.

Shaw, released Wednesday from Southern Baptist Hospital, where he underwent an annual checkup and treatment for a back ailment, had earlier received approval to spend Thursday through Monday on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Following Russo's appearance before the grand jury Wednesday, he was taken to Garrison's second-floor office in the Criminal Courts Building, apparently for further questioning on his knowledge of the alleged conspiracy. Russo refused comment to newsmen.

### 'PERSONAL REASONS'

Concerning Novel's absence when deputies attempted to serve the subpoena, Plotkin said that his client had not left town to avoid the subpoena, but for "personal reasons."

"It should be noted," Plotkin added, "that this scheduled meeting of the grand jury is unusual in that it was called for Wednesday rather than the usual Thursday meeting. It was Mr. Novel's and my impression we appeared last Thursday . . . that he would be recalled the following Thursday."

Plotkin would not comment on whether Novel would be present for a grand jury meeting Thursday.

Before his testimony to the jury last week, Novel, 29, stated that he believed Garrison wanted to ask him about events concerning former Cu-



GORDON NOVEL Witness in Washington.

ban exile leader Sergio Arcacha Smith in 1961.

### WEEKEND IN MESS

Arcacha, who led an organization called the Cuban Democratic Revolutionary Front, lived here in 1961, during which time he trained men for a planned invasion of Cuba. He left New Orleans for Houston, Tex., in 1962, where he was at the time of the 1963 murder of Kennedy. He has lived in Dallas for the past three years.

The approval for Shaw to spend the weekend in Mississippi followed a motion to that effect filed by one of his attorneys, F. Irvin Dymond. Judge Braniff and Judge Malcolm V. O'Hara approved the motion, which allows Shaw to leave the court's jurisdiction until Monday.

Charles R. Ward, first assistant district attorney, did not oppose the motion, Judge O'Hara said.

The motion requesting permission for Shaw to leave the court's jurisdiction said:

—That Shaw is booked in these proceedings with the crime of conspiracy to com-

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mit murder and is presently free on \$10,000 bail.

—That Shaw, desirous to go to the Mississippi Gulf Coast, which is beyond the Criminal District Court's jurisdiction, will leave New Orleans Thursday and will return here Monday.

—That Shaw will furnish his attorneys with his precise Gulf Coast telephone number and address, and if required to return prior to Monday, will do so upon approximately three hours notice from his attorneys.

—That the surety on the bail bond joins in the motion for permission to leave the jurisdiction for the purpose of indicating his consent to the granting authority.

Bernard F. Pettingill, representing the Summit Fidelity and Surety Co., and Edward F. and William J. Wegmann, also attorneys for Shaw, joined Dymond in making the motion.