The web of the Gordon Novel case became more tangled Wednesday. All the principals conveniently disappeared.

Novel, 29, arrested Satur-|from Ohio, Statehouse sources day in Gahanna on a Louisi- recalled the past difficulties ana charge of conspiracy to in obtaining Ohio fugitives commit simple burglary, is from that Southern State. free from Columbus City Prison on \$10,000 bond.

NOVEL ALSO is wanted by New Orleans District Atty. tradite Eugene H. Woods, Jim Garrison as a "most im- former Lorain and Cuyahoga portant witness" in the Kennedy assassination probe.

Meanwhile, Novel's attor-ney, Jerry Weiner, was reported "out of town until tomorrow." Reports circulated around police headquarters that Weiner was en route to New Orleans.

Stan Greenbaum, private investigator hired as Novel's bodyguard, was reported out of his office and not available for comment.

## NOVEL'S REPORTED fiancee, Playboy Club "bunny'

Abby Mulligan of 226 E. Oak-Chicago.

Miss Mulligan's sister-inlaw at the Oakland Ave. adstaying.

New Orleans night club own- isiana governor and the Louer Tuesday, had continued siana Bar Association. his public utterances claiming Garrison "is a fraud."

NOVEL HAS contended not a crime under Ohio stat-that he worked for Garrison utes. on the assassination probe through his firm,/International Dynamics Corp., engaged in the electronic eaveslropping business.

Garrison's assistant in New Orleans denied the Novel allegation Saturday night.

As Louisiana authorities presumably prepare to request Novel's extradition

THREE TIMES since 1965, the State of Ohio has been thwarted in attempts to ex-County nursing home operator wanted for larceny by trick.

According to Jerry Collins, deputy assistant to Governor Rhodes, Woods is accused of unlawfully obtaining more than \$26,000 in stocks and cash from a more than 60year-old gravely ill veteran. Collins reported Woods is operator of Mike's Fisherman's Wharf bar and restaurant near New Orleans.

ANOTHER case involving four unsuccessful attempts at extradition since 1965 conland Ave., was said to be in cerns John J. Petitto indicted for grand larceny from Lake County.

Recently the Lake County dress said the family has prosecutor notified Louisiana heard from Novel by tele court officials that he had phone since Tuesday, but she "no alternative but to report did not know where he is the suspicious circumstances aying. Novel, the frenetic former ana Supreme Court, the Louisi-

> Curiously, the charge against Novel of conspiracy

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"I don't know anything about a munitions plant."

He said some tieup in a New Orleans bank required that he stay in jail for nearly three days before he could be bailed out.

HIS BOND was posted by Sanford Solomon, a Columbus representative of the Maryland National Insurance Co. Solomon would not comment when asked who posted the 10 per cent fee required. Novel referred to a lie de-

tector test given him in Virginia before several witnesses which he contends will clear him of any involvement in Garrison's probe.

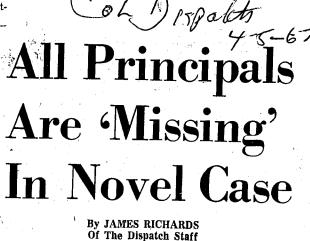
In an about-face, Novel claimed he was only kidding when he expressed concern for his safety Saturday.

"IT'S A GREAT town. I've had a good vacation here (referring to City Prison), but I don't recommend the food,' he said.

Novel did not sign a Columbus address on the bond book, the last obstacle to his being set free.

He listed instead a Louisiana address and then moments later told reporters, "I intend to stay here indefinitely.'

HE WOULD not comment



i when asked it he still intends to carry out his plans to e marry Abby Mulligan a local girl who works as a bunny in the Chicago Playboy Club. She was not among the 50 or 60 spectators who y chammed the clerk's office along with newsmen. e Relatives claim she is in Chicago, but nobody has been ÿ. d, able to trace here whereic abouts there. a MEANWHILE, another man a arrested in Dallas, Tex., on the same charge as Novel, 1- also was free on bond and indicated he, too, will fight ex-١. t tradition to Louisiana. Arrested Monday, Sergio 8 Arcacha Smith, a former 5 Cuban exile leader in New Orleans, was released Monday on \$1500 bond. SMITH SAID he had offered three times to talk with Garrison, but the efforts were in vain, so he now intends to fight extradition. The Cuban flatly denied he had anything to do with the assassination plot. Elay Shaw Is Confident **Of Acquittal** NEW ORLEANS (P) - Clay L. Shaw, expressing confi-dence that he will be acquit-ted, will be arraigned Wednesday on a charge of con-spiring to murder President John F. Kennedy. Shaw, a 54-year-old retired executive, said that while awaiting the trial, in which he will "be proved innocent, of course," he is writing a play. Shaw spoke at a news conference which Defense Attorney Edward Wegmann said had been arranged to permit photographs for future use.

F. IRVIN Dymond, another e defense attorney, said court s guidelines issued earlier in n the day by Dist. Judge Ed-

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