

Garrison Must Produce Informer in JFK Probe

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NEW ORLEANS, March 8 — Criminal Court Judge Bernard J. Bagert indicated today that the State will have to produce its secret informer—and much more—to sustain its arrest of Clay Shaw for conspiracy in the assassination of President Kennedy.

Judge Bagert made the ruling as District Attorney Jim Garrison's cause celebre moved into the courts.

Prosecutors from Garrison's staff vowed that Shaw's lawyers will "get more than they ever dreamed of when the New Orleans businessman's

case comes up for preliminary hearing next Tuesday.

The 54-year-old Shaw strode into the courtroom today with his attorneys to protest his sudden arrest last Wednesday and the nighttime search of his bachelor apartment in New Orleans' French Quarter.

It was the first arrest Garrison had ordered since making his widely publicized claim to have solved the assassination of President Kennedy "beyond any shadow of a doubt."

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and let the State run wild and make a show out of this," said defense counsel Guy Johnson.

Shaw has yet to be formally charged. Instead, District Attorney Garrison has chosen to ask for a preliminary hearing to sustain the arrest. The only tipoff to Garrison's case is contained in the search warrant, which charged that Shaw plotted with Lee Harvey Oswald, David W. Ferrie and "others" in the fall of 1963 to assassinate the President.

Garrison said a "confidential informant" heard the conspiracy devised in Ferrie's flat here. Both Oswald and Ferrie are dead. Oswald was named as the presidential assassin in the Warren Commission Report.

Judge Bagert gave Shaw's lawyers an immediate hearing on motions they filed this morning to quash the hearing, suppress the search warrant and win a bill of particulars.

"I don't know who my accusers are. I don't know who my co-defendants are," protested attorney William Wegmann, who also spoke for Shaw. "We're entitled to know what's going on here." He maintained that Shaw's constitutional rights had been given short shrift.

"Kennedy was killed in Dallas, not Louisiana," Wegmann said. "We don't have the faintest idea of what the State is talking about."