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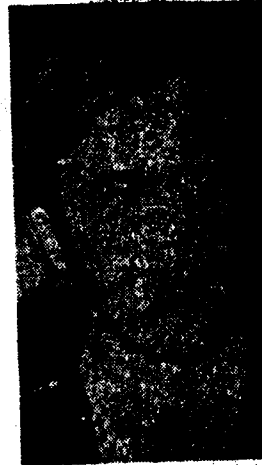
NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Clay Shaw, who "sees no end" to Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's efforts to prosecute him further in connection with the John F. Kennedy assassination, today has possession of a preliminary injunction to block Garrison from taking any action.

Shaw, acquitted in 1969 of conspiracy to kill President Kennedy, was granted the preliminary injunction by U.S. Dist. Court Judge Herbert Christenberry yesterday at the conclusion of a three-day hearing in which Shaw tried to show that Garrison was "persecuting" him.

Garrison wants to try Shaw on state charges of perjury. The district attorney says Shaw lied at his trial when he denied ever knowing Lee Harvey Oswald.

Less than 30 minutes before the judge granted Shaw temporary relief, the key prosecution witness in the conspiracy trial refused to repeat his 1969 testimony.

Perry Raymond Russo, Garrison's star witness at the trial, invoked the Fifth Amendment protection against self-incrimination.



Invokes the Fifth

Perry Raymond Russo, star prosecution witness at the 1969 trial of Clay Shaw in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, yesterday invoked the Fifth Amendment and refused to repeat his testimony in a federal hearing. Shaw won an injunction temporarily blocking efforts of New Orleans Dist. Atty. James Garrison to prosecute him on a perjury charge. (AP)

In pleading the Fifth Amendment, Russo refused to say whether he had seen Shaw with Oswald and David Ferrie at a New Orleans party shortly before the 1963 assassination of Kennedy in Dallas.

Oswald was named the sole assassin of Kennedy by the Warren Commission. Garrison contended that Shaw conspired with Oswald and Ferrie to kill Kennedy.

Russo also refused to answer any questions put to him about Shaw.