

'Murder' Booking In JFK Death Quiz

NEW ORLEANS — (AP) — Clay L. Shaw, wealthy retired director of the International Trade Mart, has been booked on a charge of "conspiracy to commit murder" in District Attorney Jim Garrison's first arrest in the Kennedy assassination investigation.

"There will be more arrests at a later date, a considerable number of them," said Garrison.

Shaw, 54, a decorated Army Major in World War II, was released on \$10,000 bond after his arrest last night. His luxurious French Quarter home was searched for nearly three hours by Garrison's agents.

The dozen men who made the search carried away five cardboard boxes filled with various items, including books and a gun in a canvas case — a rifle or shotgun.

NO COMMENT

Shaw is ruggedly handsome and silver-haired. He brushed past newsmen without a word when he was released from central lockup after being booked, fingerprinted and mugged.

He was arrested in Garrison's office, where he had appeared for questioning in response to subpoena.

The 6-foot-6 District Attorney has vowed to prove that a conspiracy conceived in New Orleans "culminated in

the assassination of President John F. Kennedy" in Dallas, Nov. 22, 1963.

His claim contradicts the official report of the Warren Commission, which said Lee Harvey Oswald, a former New Orleans resident, shot the President — and it found no credible evidence any one else was involved.

NOT SPECIFIC

The booking and the announcement did not specify whether Shaw was being charged with a conspiracy resulting in Kennedy's death — or with a conspiracy, not carried through, to commit the murder.

Asked about this, Garrison replied: "I don't want to get involved in semantics."

The point was brought up due to the wording of the announcement — "A" conspiracy, not "the" conspiracy — and because of Garrison's previous remark that not one but several conspiracies were involved in the probe.

Garrison said he will file a bill of information against Shaw.

Under Louisiana law, a district attorney can bring a prisoner to trial under one of two methods: by filing a bill of information with a judge, or by a grand jury indictment.

Garrison's announcement said there will be no

"immediate succession of arrests."

Asked what that meant, William Gurvich, the chief investigator, explained, "no other arrest are imminent. However, an arrest may occur tomorrow, or an arrest may occur a month from now."

FBI SILENT

In Washington, the Justice Department and the FBI declined comment on Shaw's arrest. Officials in Dallas said they know nothing about the case.

Shaw's name does not appear in the records of the Warren Commission.

Shaw was awarded the Croix de Guerre by France during World War II, and the Legion of Merit and Bronze Star by the United States.

A few hours before Shaw's arrest, David W. Ferrie — who died while under intense investigation by Garrison — was buried at a funeral attended by two persons. The pallbearers were hired.

Garrison said Ferrie, a free-lance pilot among other things, "was involved in events culminating in the assassination of President Kennedy."

Coroner Nicholas Chetta said Ferrie's death was due to natural causes — high blood pressure which ruptured a weak vein at the base of his brain.