

Kennedy Ruling 'Plot'

New Orleans

District Judge Bernard J. Bagert refused yesterday to dismiss a murder-conspiracy charge against a prominent New Orleans man accused of conspiring to kill President Kennedy.

The ruling cleared the way for a preliminary hearing next Tuesday for Clay L. Shaw, 54, retired managing director of the New Orleans International Trade Mart.

The judge deferred a ruling on another defense motion, asking disclosure of the name of the "confidential informant" whom District Attorney James Garrison says heard Shaw plotting against the President.

HEARING

He said he thought this information probably would have to be disclosed at the March 14 hearing, and would not rule on the motion until that time.

He said he also would rule then on another motion, to suppress and return evidence seized from Shaw's French Quarter apartment.

The purpose of the hearing is to determine whether Garrison has sufficient evidence to hold Shaw and bring him to trial.

James Alcock, a Garrison assistant, said the district attorney's office will show probable cause at the hearing. "We'll go that far, not any farther," he said.

CHARGE

In the application for a warrant to search Shaw's apartment, Garrison alleged that Shaw, Oswald and others met in September, 1963, in pilot David W. Ferrie's apartment to conspire to kill Mr. Kennedy.

Ferrie, 49, died February 22 of a brain hemorrhage, just a few days after Garrison's investigation came to light and Ferrie's name was linked with it.

Shaw is the first and only person arrested in Garrison's renewed probe of the Kennedy assassination. He has been free under \$10,000 bond.

Shaw's attorneys said they had to know details of the charge against Shaw so they could prepare a defense.

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