

Hearing in Garrison's JFK Probe

Informer's Name at Issue

NEW ORLEANS — (UPI) — Attorneys for a man accused of conspiracy to murder President Kennedy were to appear in court today.

They sought to learn the identity of a mysterious informer who led District Attorney Jim Garrison to investigate the assassination.

Attorneys for Clay L. Shaw are expected to ask a three-judge panel to order Garrison to reveal the name of the informer.

The same court is to preside tomorrow at a preliminary hearing to determine whether Garrison has enough evidence to hold Shaw for trial on conspiracy to murder the President.

Shaw's lawyers are reported ready to seek a cancellation of tomorrow's hearing unless Garrison discloses the identity of the informer.

ALLEGED MEETING

Shaw, former managing director of the International Trade Mart here, is accused by Garrison of meeting with Lee Harvey Oswald, David Ferrie, both now dead, and others to plot the assassination.

One of the "others," Garrison said, was a "confidential informant."

Judge Bernard J. Bagert last week refused a petition by Shaw's lawyers to force Garrison to reveal the name of the person.

But Basert said he would decide tomorrow whether to order Garrison to produce the witness.

Garrison also maintains Shaw used the alias Clay Bertrand during the time of the alleged meetings.

PHONE CALL

Dean A. Andrews, an assistant district attorney in neighboring Jefferson Parish (county), told the Warren Commission he received a call from a Clay Bertrand soon after the assassination, asking that Andrews represent Oswald.

Shaw denies knowing of any conspiracy, ever hearing of Clay Bertrand or ever using an alias.

In another development, Raymon Cummings, 35, an ex-taxi driver from Dallas, was to arrive today to talk with Garrison.

MYSTERY TAXI TRIP

Cummings has said that about six months before the assassination, he picked up three fares, including Oswald and Ferrie, and drove them to a night club owned by Jack Ruby, the man who shot Oswald.

Attorney General Ramsey Clark said yesterday he is "disturbed and saddened" at the way Garrison is conducting his investigation. He said he hoped the district attorney would proceed with dignity.

Clark also said he would be surprised if Garrison turns up new evidence.