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NEW ORLEANS, MARCH 20 (AP)--CLAY L. SHAW, DESTINED FOR TRIAL ON A CHARGE OF CONSPIRING TO ASSASSINATE PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, "RESTED" IN A HOSPITAL BED TODAY WHILE HIS ATTORNEYS CHECKED COURT RECORDS FOR A BILL OF INFORMATION AGAINST HIM.

DIST. ATTY. JIM GARRISON, WHO PERKED UP EARS AROUND THE WORLD WITH HIS CLAIM THAT A CONSPIRACY IN NEW ORLEANS LED TO THE MURDER OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY IN DALLAS, WAS EXPECTED TO FILE THE BILL THIS WEEK.

THE BILL IS BUT A TECHNICAL STEP IN THE LEGAL PROCEDURE TOWARD BRINGING SHAW TO TRIAL.

SPECTACULAR EVIDENCE OF GARRISON'S CASE AGAINST SHAW CAME OUT LAST WEEK IN THE PRELIMINARY HEARING, WHEN A DOPE ADDICT AND AN INSURANCE SALESMAN PLACED SHAW WITH LEE HARVEY OSWALD WEEKS BEFORE THE PRESIDENT'S DEATH.

PERRY RUSSO, 25, A BATON ROUGE INSURANCE SALESMAN, TESTIFIED HE ATTENDED A PARTY AFTER WHICH HE SAT IN WHILE SHAW, WHO WAS INTRODUCED TO HIM AS "CLEM BERTRAND," PLOTTED WITH OSWALD AND DAVID W. FERRIE TO SLAY KENNEDY.

VERNON BUNDY JR., 29, A STOCKY, PAROLED DRUG ADDICT, TOLD THE COURT HE WAS PREPARING A SHOT OF HEROIN WHEN HE SAW SHAW MEET OSWALD AT THE LAKE PONTCHARTRAIN SEAWALL AND PASS OVER "WHAT LOOKED LIKE A WAD OF MONEY."

DEFENSE ATTORNEY WILLIAM WEGMANN URGED THE COURT TO LOOK LONG AND HARD AT THE EVIDENCE BEFORE ORDERING A FORMAL TRIAL.

"WHAT THEY'VE GOT AT THIS MOMENT MIGHT WARRANT FURTHER INVESTIGATION BY COMPETENT INVESTIGATORS BUT IT DOESN'T WARRANT HOLDING THIS MAN," WEGMANN ARGUED. "THIS MAN IS ENTITLED TO HAVE THE STIGMAN REMOVED FROM HIM."

WEGMANN SAID THERE WAS NO CORROBORATION OF TESTIMONY.

OF BUNDY, WEGMANN SAID, "THIS JUNKIE SITS DOWN AND SAYS THAT YESTERDAY HE REMEMBERED THAT BEFORE HE TOOK A SHOT HE SAW CLAY SHAW AND LEE HARVEY OSWALD ON THE LAKEFRONT."

OF RUSSO, THE ATTORNEY ARGUED, "HE WANTS YOU TO BELIEVE THAT LESS THAN 60 DAYS BEFORE THE ASSASSINATION THE PLOTTERS SAT DOWN BEFORE A MAN WHO WAS A TOTAL STRANGER TO TWO OF THEM AND DISCUSSED THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY."

THE RULING BY THE THREE-JUDGE PANEL: "THIS COURT FINDS THAT SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO ESTABLISH PROBABLE CAUSE THAT A CRIME HAS BEEN COMMITTED..."

GARRISON, MEANWHILE, ACCEPTED HIS VICTORY WITH COMPLACENCE AND PROMISED MORE ARRESTS.

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