

Shaw Is Indicted In Kennedy Death Probe

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NEW ORLEANS, La. (AP) —

A grand jury has indicted Clay L. Shaw on a charge of "wilfully and unlawfully conspiring" to murder President John F. Kennedy.

Shaw, 54, headed for a hide-away today on the Mississippi Gulf Coast with Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's approval.

Shaw, who retired in October 1965 as managing director of the International Trade Mart here, has been free on \$10,000 bond since his arrest March 1.

The district attorney had said earlier he would bypass the grand jury and file a bill of information before bringing Shaw to trial.

Takes Chance

Garrison risked a "no true bill" by taking the case before the grand jury. He had already won a ruling from a three-judge state court panel that sufficient evidence was presented at a preliminary hearing to warrant holding Shaw for trial.

However, he still could have filed a bill of information in the case if the grand jury refused to indict Shaw.

By filing a bill of information, the district attorney would have had to divulge specific details of the case. In Louisiana, which patterns its laws on the Napoleonic code of France, a prosecutor has a choice of bringing a man to trial either by a grand jury indictment or a bill of information.

Shaw was charged by the grand jury's true bill with "wilfully and unlawfully conspiring with David W. Ferrie, Lee Harvey Oswald and unnamed others to murder John F. Kennedy."

Russo Appears

Perry Raymond Russo, 25, star witness for Garrison in last week's emotional court hearing, made a surprise appearance before the grand jury before the announcement of the indictment.

Russo told the three-judge court last week he heard Shaw, Ferrie and Oswald plotting in mid-September 1963 to kill Kennedy. Shaw is the only one of the conspirators named in the indictment still alive.

Witness Out Of State

Gordon Novel, 29, who testified before the grand jury on March 16, was subpoenaed for another appearance today but he turned up in Columbus, Ohio, where he said he did not want to return here without a guarantee of immunity from "harassment."

He said he knew Shaw "but not in connection with this." He also said he "indirectly" knew a "David Ferrie," but did not know Russo.

Novel was quoted in Columbus as describing the Garrison investigation as "a fraud" and that he first helped the district attorney but "Garrison double-crossed me."

Previously he had told a newsman here he thought Garrison wanted to question him about activities "during 1961 which are related to Mr. Sergio Arcacha Smith."

Arcacha, now a Dallas resident, said he never heard of Novel. Arcacha headed an anti-Castro group here in 1961 which had offices in a small camp street building about five blocks from Canal Street. Some of the pro-Castro Fair Play for Cuba leaflets handed out by Lee Harvey Oswald here in August 1963 had the same address.