

Garrison Issues Order for Arrest of Woman

Russo Linked Omaha Wife to Party Where He Said Murder of Kennedy Was Plotted

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's office issued a warrant Monday for the arrest of Mrs. Lilly Mae McMaines of Omaha, who is linked to the Kennedy assassination probe through star witness Perry Raymond Russo.

Russo, 25-year-old Baton Rouge insurance salesman, said Mrs. McMaines — the former Sandra Moffett of New Orleans — was one of several persons who attended a party in David W. Ferrie's apartment after which he says he heard Ferrie, Lee Harvey Oswald and Clay L. Shaw conspire to kill President John F. Kennedy.

Mrs. McMaines, married to part-time minister Harold McMaines, 48, told newsmen Friday she did not attend the party. The 22-year-old woman acknowledged knowing Russo and said she was once in love with him.

Garrison's office swore out a warrant for her arrest as a material witness. The warrant was signed by Criminal Dist. Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr., who set bond at \$5,000.

"We feel sure she is a very important witness," said Asst. Dist. Atty. Andrew Sciambra.

Judge Haggerty, who will preside at Shaw's trial on charges of conspiring to kill Mr. Kennedy, directed the prosecution not to make public statements about the case or to discuss the evidence with newsmen.

Russo Testimony

The judge said he wants to "prevent the flow of prejudicial pre-trial publicity."

Russo's testimony came during a preliminary hearing for Shaw. Russo said the party at Ferrie's apartment took place in September, 1963—two months before Mr. Kennedy was slain in Dallas. Ferrie died Feb. 22.

In Omaha, Mrs. McMaines said earlier she did not meet Ferrie until 1965. She said she refused to accompany two Garrison investigators back to New Orleans after they contacted her March 8.

Attorneys for Shaw, a wealthy retired business executive, also expressed an interest in questioning Mrs. McMaines.

"My opinion now is that she will be a very useful witness," said F. Irvin Dymond, a defense attorney.

Russo alluded to Miss Moffett only once during his three days' of testimony at Shaw's preliminary hearing. At one point he said he was taken to the party by a friend. Later he named Sandra Moffett as "the girl I brought."

A lawyer for Gordon Novel, also described by Garrison as a material witness in the investigation, asked Judge Haggerty Monday to quash a warrant calling for his client's arrest. Haggerty ordered a hearing Wednesday on the request.

Novel, 29-year-old former French Quarter bar owner, disappeared last Wednesday, the day he was to have appeared before the grand jury. Garrison called him a "most important and material witness" and obtained a warrant for his arrest. He did not disclose Novel's connection with the probe.

Client to Return

Steve Plotkin, Novel's attorney, said his client would return to New Orleans when he is assured that he will not be jailed. Plotkin said he knows where Novel is.

In a later development, Asst. Dist. Atty. James Alcock said he sent a letter to U.S. Atty. Louis Lacour here advising Lacour that Garrison's office will ask that Novel be charged with unlawful flight.

If Garrison is successful in the move, it would bring the FBI into the search for Novel.

Shaw, 54, probably will be arraigned in Haggerty's court sometime next week, the judge said.