

Perjury in Kennedy Plot Probe

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New Orleans

New Orleans attorney Dean A. Andrews Jr. was convicted of perjury early yesterday.

The conviction may have a far-reaching effect on the investigation by District Attorney Jim Garrison into the assassination of President Kennedy.

The district attorney has accused Clay L. Shaw Jr., 54 years old, a retired businessman, of helping plot Kennedy's murder, using the name Clay Bertrand. Shaw has not yet been tried.

TESTIMONY

Andrews has been the only person to say publicly that he knew Clay Bertrand, and he has testified that Shaw and Bertrand were not the same person.

"But I won't be able to testify at the Shaw trial," Andrews said yesterday. "A person convicted of perjury in Louisiana is deemed to be unworthy of belief and cannot testify.

"With that in mind, you

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now know why Big Jim (Garrison) brought me to trial on this charge of perjury."

INDICTMENT

The jury verdict in the Andrews trial was returned at 2:30 a.m. yesterday after District Judge Frank J. Shea ordered the trial to continue in a rare Sunday session.

The jury convicted Andrews on three of the five counts, relating to his detailed refusal to identify "Bertrand." The indictment had been drafted for the grand jury by two of Garrison's assistants.

"We will take every appeal possible," said Andrews' attorney, Harry Burglass.

REASONS

Andrews, widely known in Louisiana politics because of his campaigning for state positions, was indicted in March after he had told Garrison and the Grand Jury making the investigation into the assassination that he could not say whether Shaw was Bertrand.

Andrews, a 44-year-old lawyer, said later that he was not definite in not identifying Shaw for these reasons:

- He was trying to protect the real Clay Bertrand, whom he has since identified as Eugene C. Davis, a New Orleans bar owner. Davis, who had been Andrews' client, denied yesterday that he was Bertrand.

- Garrison had convinced him that there was independent evidence to show that Shaw was Bertrand.

FBI

Bertrand's name has been linked to possible assassination plots since November 25, 1963, when Andrews told agents of the FBI that Clay Bertrand had called him the day after Kennedy was murdered and asked him to go to Dallas and defend Lee Harvey Oswald, the accused assassin. Andrews told the FBI agents and the Warren Commission that Bertrand had called him previously a number of times to ask him to represent homosexuals in trouble with the law.

Andrews told the New Orleans Grand Jury on June 28



UPI Telephoto

New Orleans attorney Dean Andrews Jr. managed a smile as deputy seized him to take him from court

that when he had refused to identify Shaw as Bertrand, Garrison had set out to get Andrews indicted for perjury to discredit him.

RUMOR

"He was leaning on me like a thousand-pound canary," Andrews, who is addicted to hip talk, said. "I told the giant (Garrison) that I had heard a rumble on the vine that he intended to put the head on me."

Andrews explained later that this statement meant that he had told Garrison he had heard a rumor that the district attorney planned to have him indicted.

"He said it wasn't so," Andrews testified.

A reporter for Newsweek magazine testified Sunday, out of the presence of the trial jury that convicted Andrews, that Garrison had told him on March 2 that he intended to "get" Andrews.

ACCUSATION

Later that same day, Andrews was subpoenaed to the district attorney's office for the first time and questioned for several hours.

Andrews was indicted on March 16, two weeks after

the district attorney had accused Shaw, Oswald and a now dead former airline pilot, David W. Ferrie, of masterminding Kennedy's assassination in the Summer of 1963.

The district attorney, who said that the plot was hatched in New Orleans by persons who were upset at the failure of the Bay of Pigs foray against Cuba, contended that Federal officials would not try to "solve" the assassination of Kennedy because the truth would be embarrassing to high Federal officials, including the Central Intelligence Agency chiefs.

The March 16 Grand Jury indictment of Andrews said that he committed perjury several times during his two hours of testifying before the Grand Jury.

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