

Kennedy 'Plot' Probe

FBI Suspect Is Called

New Orleans

Layton Martens, arrested here three days after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and held for "investigation of subversive activities," was subpoenaed yesterday by District Attorney Jim Garrison in his investigation of the crime.

Garrison also ordered the arrest of Gordon Novel, 29, a former bar owner whom he described as an important material witness for the grand jury considering the case.

Martens, 24, was ordered to appear before the grand jury next Wednesday. He formerly roomed with the late David W. Ferrie. Both of them were pilots.

Martens, Ferrie and Roland Beauboeuf, then 19, were arrested by Garrison's men at the request of the Secret Service and FBI November 25, 1963. Ferrie was booked for being a fugitive from Texas; Martens and Beauboeuf were booked for vagrancy.

Police records show that Martens was held for the FBI and Secret Service "under investigation of subversive activities."

Garrison said at that time that Ferrie, Beauboeuf and Martens were picked up "in connection with some leads of our own." All three men were released the next day.

Also subpoenaed yesterday was Donald Dooty, a balding, red-bearded man about 35. No background information was available on Dooty, and he declined to answer newsmen's questions when he went to Garrison's office.

Clay L. Shaw, former director of the International Trade Mart here, left for the Mississippi gulf coast yesterday following his indictment by the Orleans parish grand jury Wednesday night for conspiring to murder Mr. Kennedy. Shaw will go on trial here at an undetermined date.

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UPI Telephoto
DONALD DOOTY
Mystery witness



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GORDON NOVEL
Arrest ordered

criminal judge Matthew S. Braniff. Former owner of a tavern on the fringe of the French Quarter, Novel said in Columbus, Ohio, on Wednesday that he did not intend to return to New Orleans unless guaranteed freedom from "harassment."

Novel told newsmen he had helped Garrison in the assassination probe but now felt he was being doublecrossed.

In the affidavit requesting the arrest order, Garrison's office said Novel severed his business ties here and left the city while under subpoena.

The affidavit said Novel should be placed under sizable bond or the grand jury "will be deprived of a most important and material witness."

As an alternative to arrest, Judge Braniff set a bail of \$50,000 for Novel.

Novel's connection with the Kennedy probe has never been disclosed. When he was first subpoenaed to appear before the grand jury March 16, he said he thought Garrison wanted to question him about activities "during 1961 which are related to Mr. Sergio Arcacha Smith."

Arcacha, now living in Dallas, said he never heard of Novel. Arcacha headed an

anti-Castro group in New Orleans in 1961 which had offices on Camp street. Some of the pro-Castro "fair play for Cuba" leaflets passed out by Lee Harvey Oswald in New Orleans in 1963 carried the same Camp street address.

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In an interview with New Orleans television station WDSU-TV two weeks ago, Martens said he had been questioned twice by Garrison's investigators recently and underwent a lie detector test.

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He said he first met Ferrie through the Civil Air Patrol and they became good friends. Martens said he believed he knew all of Ferrie's friends and he had never heard Ferrie mention Clay Shaw or Clay Bertrand. Garrison has alleged that Shaw sometimes used Bertrand as an alias. Shaw has denied ever using an alias.

Martens said he first met Shaw in 1965, the year Shaw retired as managing director of the Trade Mart.

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