

Perjury Charge In 'JFK Plot'

NEW ORLEANS (UPI)—Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's probe of an alleged plot to assassinate President Kennedy heated up today, fueled by new indictments and reinforcing arrest warrants.

Layton Martens, 24, a student at the University of Southwestern Louisiana who once roomed with the late David W. Ferrie, was indicted Wednesday for perjury by the New Orleans grand jury.

The true bill against Martens followed by one week his first appearance before the 12-man

jury, which is conducting its own special investigation of

events leading up to the Nov. 22, 1963, assassination in Dallas.

Also Wednesday, authorities in Terrebonne Parish ordered the arrest of material witness Gordon Novel in Columbus, Ohio, and Cuban exile leader Sergio Arcacha Smith in Dallas.

Dist. Atty. Wilmore J. Broussard Jr. filed charges of simple burglary against Novel and Smith in connection with the theft of several cases of blasting caps and explosive

charges from a bunker in Houma, La., in 1961.

The FBI later recovered part of the loot in wooden cases on the New Orleans docks marked: "photo supplies for Cuba."

"Up until this time we knew that the crime had been committed involving the bunker, but we did not know who did it," said Broussard.

"Obviously this recent expose has helped us in our own case, but I have not talked with Mr. Garrison and I do not know if this munitions theft has anything to do with the assassina-

tion investigation he has underway."

Broussard referred to the arrests in Dallas and Columbus, Ohio, last week of Smith and Novel.

Novel is free on \$10,000 bond on two Garrison warrants, one naming him as a material witness in the assassination probe, the other with conspiring to steal munitions from the Houma bunker.

Smith, has been arrested on the theft conspiracy charge lodged by Garrison.

Both Smith and Novel have

said they would fight extradition on Garrison's charges. Broussard said that if Novel and Smith did not waive extradition, he would take his own steps to bring them back to Houma to face trial on the burglary charges.

In a related development Wednesday, Clay L. Shaw, 54, pleaded innocent in Criminal District Court to charges that he was part of a criminal conspiracy to assassinate the President.