

New Orleans Jury Indicts Shaw On Assassination Plot Charge

Says He, Oswald and Others
Conspired to Kill Kennedy
—Russo Testifies Again

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NEW ORLEANS, March 22—
A New Orleans grand jury returned an indictment today against Clay L. Shaw, a 54-year-old retired businessman and New Orleans socialite, on a charge of conspiring to assassinate President Kennedy.

The grand jury acted after hearing two hours of testimony from Perry Raymond Russo, a Baton Rouge insurance salesman who says he was present when the assassination was plotted. The indictment was read by Criminal Court Judge Matthew S. Braniff.

Mr. Shaw was released tonight from the hospital where he had been since last Friday for rest and treatment of a back injury. He remained free on \$10,000 bond. Earlier today he was given court permission to travel to Mississippi tomorrow. He told the court he wanted to spend the weekend at the beach.

No date was set for Mr. Shaw's arraignment. Edward Wegmann, an attorney for the defendant, said Mr. Shaw would plead not guilty. He withheld further comment.

The indictment charged that the conspiracy existed between Sept. 1 and Oct. 10, 1963.

Mr. Shaw, who at that time was managing director of the New Orleans International Trade Mart, was in San Francisco on Nov. 22, 1963, the day that Mr. Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas, Tex.

Attorney General Ramsey Clark said in Washington two weeks ago that Mr. Shaw had been investigated by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and that no evidence connecting him with the assassination had been found.

The F.B.I. reports of the investigation of Mr. Shaw, which were furnished to the Warren Commission, have been sealed and have not been opened to the public, as have other reports.

The grand jury charges against Mr. Shaw said that he had conspired with Lee Harvey Oswald, David W. Ferrie "and others" to assassinate Mr. Kennedy.

The grand jury did not charge that President Kennedy's assassination necessarily followed from the New Orleans "con-



Associated Press Wirephoto
Dean A. Andrews Jr. leaves courthouse. He was charged with perjury after testifying Thursday on the "plot."

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clared that Mr. Shaw, using the name Clay Bertrand, met with Oswald and Mr. Ferrie on a number of occasions at Mr. Ferrie's house, and that the assassination was plotted there.

Mr. Ferrie, a former Eastern Airlines pilot, died last Feb. 22, after his name had been brought into the investigation by Mr. Garrison.

While the grand jury was considering evidence in the assassination investigation, Dean A. Andrews Jr., a New Orleans lawyer, pleaded not guilty to a charge that he had lied to the same grand jury last Thursday.

Mr. Andrews appeared for arraignment before Criminal Court Judge Frank J. Shea today and asked for a jury trial, a request that the judge granted. No date was set for the trial.

Mr. Andrews was indicted last Thursday after testifying twice before the grand jury. The charges said that Mr. Andrews "wilfully and unlawfully did commit perjury during questioning relative to a conspiracy to murder John F. Kennedy, President of the United States." But they did not say what the alleged perjury was.

Before his indictment, Mr. Andrews had said that he had been unable to identify Mr. Shaw as "Clay Bertrand," a man he had known as a friend of young homosexuals.

Mr. Andrews had testified before the Warren Commission that Clay Bertrand had called him on the day Mr. Kennedy was murdered and asked him to go to Dallas to defend Oswald.

Mr. Garrison arrested Mr. Shaw on March 1, lodging a complaint that he had participated with Oswald and Mr. Ferrie in a plot to kill President Kennedy.

In a preliminary hearing last week, Mr. Russo—who said he was questioned by the district attorney's staff after being hypnotized three times—testified that he had overheard the three men plotting the assassination in Mr. Ferrie's apartment.

spiracy," although it did say that Oswald took part in the alleged conspirators' discussions.

The Warren Commission concluded that Oswald killed Mr. Kennedy and acted alone. It said that it had found no evidence of a conspiracy, but added that it could not prove the negative—that no conspiracy existed.

District Attorney Jim Garrison, in limited discussions of his investigation, has avoided any charge that the assassination was the direct result of the alleged plot. "I'm not going to get into a discussion of semantics," he once said when asked about it.

Under Louisiana law the charge lodged against Mr. Shaw—conspiracy to commit murder—is punishable by a prison term of up to 20 years.

Mr. Garrison has de-