

Business Leader

**'Kennedy Plot'
Arrest in
New Orleans**

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District Attorney Jim Garrison arrested a wealthy New Orleans businessman, Clay L. Shaw, last night and accused him of taking part in a conspiracy to assassinate President John F. Kennedy.

Shaw, a retired executive, was booked on "conspiracy to commit murder" and released on \$10,000 bond.

"There will be more arrests," the 6-foot, 6-inch New Orleans district attorney told newsmen. "I have no doubt about the case. If you want to bet against me, you will lose."

DECORATION

Shaw, 54, is the retired managing director of the New Orleans International Trade Mart. He was a decorated Army Major in World War II.

A ruggedly handsome, silver-haired man, Shaw was released after being fingerprinted and mugged. He refused to talk to newsmen.

Garrison's agents, armed with a search warrant, went over Shaw's luxurious French Quarter home for several hours.

ARREST

Shaw's arrest was announced by Garrison's chief investigator, William Gurvich. At a tumultuous news conference in the echoing marble corridor outside the district attorney's office, he read this statement:

"The first arrest has been made in the investigation of the New Orleans District Attorney's office into the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

"Arrested this evening in the district attorney's office was Clay Shaw, age 54, of 1313 Dauphine street, New Orleans, La.



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**CLAY SHAW
He wasn't talking**

"Mr. Shaw will be charged with participation in a conspiracy to murder John F. Kennedy.

"It should be pointed out, however, that the nature of this case is not conducive to

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an immediate succession of arrests at this time. However, other arrests will be made at a later date."

SUBPOENA

Shaw was subpoenaed yesterday to appear at Garrison's office. He arrived, striding erect and well dressed through the reception room, at 12:15 p.m. His arrest was announced five and a half hours later.

About 2½ hours after the announcement, Shaw, wearing handcuffs, was brought out and driven two blocks from the courthouse to the central lockup for processing.

Shaw, who stands about 6 feet, 2 inches tall and weighs 200 pounds, smiled briefly in the glare of camera lights. He was flanked on both sides by Garrison's men.

BOND

At central lockup, Shaw was booked and District Judge Thomas M. Brahney set bond. Garrison had asked a bond of \$25,000 but the judge called that amount "excessive."

Technically, under Louisiana law, being booked does not mean being formally charged.

Gurvich said Shaw "will be charged with participating in a conspiracy to murder John F. Kennedy" — but that he couldn't say when the formal charge will be filed.

"Special cases take special handling," he said.

It was the first arrest in Garrison's five-month-old investigation of the Kennedy assassination. He has vowed he will prove that a conspiracy born in New Orleans "culminated in the assassination of President Kennedy" in Dallas Nov. 22, 1963.

WARREN

The investigation, backing the belief of many that a plot was involved in the shooting, has aroused international interest.

Garrison's claim of conspiracy is in direct opposition to the official report of the Warren commission.

The commission said Lee Harvey Oswald, a onetime New Orleans resident, fired the bullets that killed the president and wounded Texas Governor John Connally — and that there was no credible evidence that any one else was involved.

The Warren report contained no mention of Shaw.

For 18 years Shaw was the head of the city's International Trade Mart.

TRADE

The mart is a privately supported, non-profit organization formed to promote trade through the port of New Orleans. Shaw retired Oct. 1, 1965.

At a ceremony marking his retirement, Shaw was presented a plaque and the International Order of Merit of the city of New Orleans medal.

During World War II he was awarded the French Croix de Guerre and the United States Legion of Merit and Bronze Star. He also is a chevalier of the Order of the Crown of Belgium and, while he was director of the Trade Mart, France gave him the distinction of "Chevalier de L'Ordre du Merite Commercial."

LEAFLETS

Oswald on several occasions turned up at the old Trade Mart building to hand out propaganda bulletins.

The Mart now has new headquarters.

At the time, the summer of 1963, Oswald was working with a group he called "Fair Play for Cuba," a pro-Castro organization.

In an interview last week, Shaw said he once saw Oswald distributing the leaflets but never met or spoke to him.

Earlier yesterday, an ex-air force pilot underwent questioning in Garrison's of-

At one time Ferrie and Lewallen had both been Eastern Air Line pilots.

Lewallen, who is single, has been employed as an inspector at Boeing's Michoud missile facility here since 1961. Company records showed he has a security clearance for confidential work.



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JIM GARRISON
'There will be more'

office after being subpoenaed. He was not held.

James R. Lewallen, 38, an employee of the Boeing Co., also underwent questioning after being subpoenaed. A Baton Rouge salesman, Perry Raymond Russo, 25, appeared voluntarily to pass on information he claims to have about the assassination.

Lewallen's attorney, George Piazza II, told reporters that his client once roomed with David W. Ferrie, 48, a free-lance pilot described by Garrison as a participant in the alleged conspiracy to kill the President.

Ferrie was found dead in bed February 22. The coroner ruled death resulted from natural causes. Garrison maintains Ferrie committed suicide while under investigation.