

An 'Alias' Stirs Up JFK Quiz

NEW ORLEANS—(AP)—Clay Bertrand evolved today as the mystery man in District Attorney Jim Garrison's probe of the Kennedy assassination.

Clay Bertrand, says Garrison, was an alias used by Clay Shaw, prominent New Orleans resident the district attorney booked on conspiracy to commit murder.

"I have never used the name 'Clay Bertrand', in my life. I never use it. I never heard of it," said Shaw, free on \$10,000 bond.

Clay Bertrand "is mostly a voice on the phone," said Attorney Dean Andrews Jr., a Warren Commission witness summoned to Garrison's office yesterday.

ACCORD CLAIMED

Garrison's office, in applying for a warrant to search Shaw's French Quarter residence, said in an affidavit that at meetings held in September, 1963, "there was an agreement among Clay

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Shaw (alias Clay Bertrand), Lee Harvey Oswald, and David W. Ferrie and others to kill John F. Kennedy."

The document says the evidence came from an unnamed informant, whose statements were corroborated while he was under the influence of truth serum.

Ferrie, a pilot and part-time investigator, died last week while under investigation.

Coroner Nicholas Chetta says Ferrie's death was due to natural causes. Garrison said it was suicide.

"FANTASTIC"

The silver-haired Shaw, a decorated Army officer in World War II who retired Oct. 1, 1965, after 18 years as managing director of the International Trade Mart here, calmly called his arrest "fantastic."

"I have not conspired with anyone at any time or any place to murder our late and esteemed President, John F. Kennedy, or any other individual," said Shaw.

Shaw said he never met Ferrie "as far as I know . . . I was never in his apartment."

Garrison's aides searched Shaw's luxurious apartment the night of his arrest and took out a collection of items in cardboard boxes.

BLACK HOOD

Among them—according to the return on the search warrant—were five whips, a black hood and cape, a black gown, three ropes, one chain, pieces of chain, a shotgun and a book entitled "A Holiday for Murder."

Meantime, New York radio station WINS, in a copyright broadcast, said it had learned Garrison believes Kennedy was assassinated by "a group of plotters directed from Cuba."

Garrison could not be reached for comment on the

WINS report but he repeatedly has said "no" when asked if he believed any foreign country was involved in the assassination.