

Assassination Investigation Pursued by Prosecutor

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NEW ORLEANS, March 3-A man who declared "I don't know what this darn thing is all about" was subpoenaed today by District Attorney Jim Garrison's office in its investigation into an alleged plot that led to the assassination of President Kennedy.

The new "witness," Dante Marachini, 42 years old, once worked for the same coffee processing combine- but noti the same plant—as Lee Harvey Oswald, who the Warren Commission concluded assassinated

mission concluded assassinated President Kennedy alone and without beng a part of any plot. Grinning broadly as he entered the district attorney's office, Mr. Marachini said he was unclear about whom he was to see or why he had been subpoenaed.

90-Minute Meeting

He was closeted with Mr Garrison for an hour and a half, then left without talking to newsmen.

Employment records at the Chrysler-Michoud missile manu-facturing plant, where Mr. Marachini now works as a "planning and specifications man," show he was employed in the summer of 1963 by the Standard Coffee Company. That same summer, Oswald worked a half a block away from the Standard plant for Standard's parent company, the William B. Riley Coffee Company.

Company. President Kennedy was slain Nov. 22, 1963. Mr. Marachini

was the fourth person sub-poenaed by Mr. Garrison's office in its investigation into the assasination.

One of the four, Clay L. Shaw, a retired New Orleans business a retired New Orleans business executive, was arrested earlier this week and accused of participating in a conspiracy to assassinate President Kennedy. But he has not been formally charged.

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Mr. Shaw. Mr. Andrews once asserted in interviews with the F.B.I., then denied, then asserted again that a "Clay Bertrand" once sent Lee Oswald and several Latin-American homosexuals to his law office in the summer of 1963.

Use of Name Denied

^{*} Use of Name Denied Mr. Shaw, who is free on \$10,000 bond, denies using the name Clay Bertrand or any other alias, and has said re-peatedly that he has no knowl-edge of any assassination plot. West Coast business asso-giates of Mr. Shaw, who retired two years ago as director of the International Trade Mart here, said that on the day of the assassination he was in San mr

Francisco, and left two days later for Portland, Ore., where he addressed a Rotary Club on Nov. 26.

Nov. 26. —A special luncheon had been arranged for Mr. Shaw at the World Trade Center in San Francisco on the day of the assassination, according to a spokesman for the center. The assassination investiga-tion by the Warren Commission and the F.B.I., according to a commission staff member, Wes-ley J. Liebeler, did not produce any evidence of the existence of any person using the name Clay Bertrand in the New Orleans area.

Area. And Mr. Andrews's attorney, Sain Monk Zelden, has said that his client does not know whether Mr. Shaw and Clay Bertrand are the same person.

'Trying to Find Out'

"Trying to Find Out" "He doesn't know," Mr. Zeden replied to reporters' questions. "That's what we are trying to find out." In rambling testimony before Mr. Liebeler in July, 1964, Mr. Andrews said Clay Bertrand was a man who often arranged legal assistance for homosexuals in New Orleans. He told the F.B.I. on one occasion that Bertrand was about 6 feet 1 or 2 inches tall, and had brown hair. Then later, he * told Mr. Liebeler that Bertrand had "sandy hair, blue eyes, ruddy complexion [and] must weigh about 165, 170, 175." The descriptions do not fit Mr. Shaw, who has gray hair, dark complexion, weighs about 200, and is about 6 feet 2 inches tail. "Mr. Garrison's office has clarged in a search warrant

tail. "Mr. Garrison's office has charged in a search warrant application made public yester-day that "Clay Shaw, alias Clay Bertrand," Oswald, Mr. Ferrie "and others" attended a meet-ing at Mr. Ferrie's New Orleans apartment in September, 1963, in which they "agreed . . to kli John F. Kennedy." Mr. Garrison also contends, despite a "death by natural causes" ruling by Coroner Chetta, that Mr. Ferrie com-mitted suicide.