

## Ex-Bar Owner New Suspect

# JFK Probe Arrest Order

NEW ORLEANS — District Attorney Jim Garrison's office today ordered the arrest of Gordon Novel, former owner of a French Quarter bar, as a material witness in the investigation of President Kennedy's assassination.

Novel, 29, was subpoenaed to appear before the Orleans Parish (county) grand jury yesterday in connection with Garrison's probe. He did not appear and could not be found here.

Novel later turned up in Columbus, Ohio. He left there today and said he was going to Chicago.

The arrest order for Novel followed the grand jury's indictment yesterday of Clay Shaw, retired business executive, on a charge of "wil-



**GORDON NOVEL**  
Charges "doublecross"

fully and unlawfully conspiring" to murder Kennedy.

### ANTI-CASTROITE

In an affidavit, the district attorney's office alleged that

Novel fled New Orleans while under subpoena. It said he severed his business ties and stated publicly that he had no intention of returning.

In Columbus, Novel said he did not want to return to New Orleans without a guarantee of immunity from "harassment."

He was quoted as describing the Garrison investigation as "a fraud" and as saying he first helped the district attorney but that "Garrison double-crossed me."

Novel appeared before the grand jury March 16. Earlier he told newsmen he thought Garrison wanted to question him about activities "during 1962 which are related to Mr. Sergio Archacha Smith." Arcacha, now living in Dal-

las, said he never heard of Novel. Archacha headed an anti-Castro group here in 1961.

In its affidavit, filed with criminal district court, the district attorney's office said Novel should be placed under sizeable bond or the grand jury will "be deprived of a most important and material witness."

Novel owned the Jamaican Inn Bar, a lounge on North Rampart Street on the fringe of the French Quarter. He sold the property Sunday.

In another development today, criminal dist. Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr. was named to preside at the murder conspiracy trial of Shaw, 54, who will spend the Easter weekend on the Mississippi Gulf Coast with Garrison's approval.

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