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NEW ORLEANS, MARCH 27 (AP)-CLAY L. SHAW, CENTRAL FIGURE IN THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S KENNEDY ASSASSINATION PROBE, WAS DUE BACK IN TOWN TODAY AFTER SPENDING THE EASTER WEEKEND ON THE MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST.

SHAW, CHARGED BY THE GRAND JURY WITH CONSPIRING TO ASSASSINATE PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, LEFT NEW ORLEANS FRIDAY SHORTLY AFTER HIS RELEASE FROM A HOSPITAL, WHERE HE HAD BEEN "RESTING."

THE FORMER MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE MART HAD BEEN HOSPITALIZED SEVERAL DAYS AFTER A THREE-JUDGE PANEL FOUND "SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE" TO SEND HIM TO JAIL.

THE JUDGE WHO IS TO PRESIDE OVER THE TRIAL, EDWARD A. HAGGERTY JR., SAID SATURDAY HE DOES NOT BELIEVE THE WARREN COMMISSION REPORT CAN BE ADMITTED AS EVIDENCE.

THE MAIN REASON THE REPORT COULDN'T BE USED, HAGGERTY SAID, IS THAT NEITHER THE DEFENSE NOR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY WOULD HAVE A CHANCE TO CROSS-EXAMINE WITNESSES NAMED BY THE WARREN COMMISSION.

"I DON'T HAVE TIME TO READ THE WARREN COMMISSION REPORT AND I THINK IT BEST THAT I DON'T READ IT," JUDGE HAGGERTY SAID. "POSSIBLY, SUBCONSCIOUSLY, I MIGHT PREJUDGE THE CASE BECAUSE OF IT."

MEANWHILE, IN ATLANTA, A NEW ORLEANS ATTORNEY REPRESENTING THE ESTATE OF DAVID W. FERRIE CHARGED THAT THE INVESTIGATION OF DIST. ATTY. JIM GARRISON IS A "ROMAN CIRCUS AND A WITCH HUNT."

HUGH B. EXNICIOS, 34, MADE THE CHARGE AFTER SPENDING SATURDAY IN THE GEORGIA CAPITOL FOR WHAT HE CALLED AN "INVESTIGATION INTO THE CHARGES MADE BY MR. GARRISON."

THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY CHARGED THAT SHAW, FERRIE AND LEE HARVEY OSWALD PLOTTED THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY.

EXNICIOS SAID HIS OWN MAIN GOAL IS TO CLEAR FERRIE'S NAME.

"MR. GARRISON IS AFTER A PERSONAL GOAL, SAY POLITICS," EXNICIOS SAID. "I OBJECT TO THE TONE OF THE ROMAN CIRCUS."

THE LAWYER ADDED, "I AM GOING TO ASK THE COURT TO RULE MR. GARRISON ACTED IMPROPERLY. I HAVE NO QUARREL WITH AN ELECTED OFFICIAL ACTING IN A WATCHDOG CAPACITY. BUT WHEN THE WATCHDOG OF OUR COMMUNITY RUNS MAD AND BITES PEOPLE, THE REST OF US MUST ACT."

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