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New Orleans, March 31 (AP)- Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison obtained warrants today for the arrest of Gordon Novel and a Cuban exile leader on charges of conspiring to burglarize a munitions bunker in 1961. Novel is a missing witness in the Kennedy assassination probe.

Garrison charged Novel, 29, a former French quarter bar owner, and Sergio Arcacha Smith of Dallas with conspiring with David W. Ferrie to commit simple burglary of a munitions dump at Houma, La., a town about 40 miles southwest of New Orleans.

Garrison has alleged that Ferrie, Clay L. Shaw and Lee Harvey Oswald plotted in Mid-September 1963 to kill President John F. Kennedy. Ferrie and Oswald are dead. Shaw, a retired New Orleans business executive, has been indicted on a charge of conspiring to kill the President.

The arrest warrants were sent to Montreal, Canada, where Novel is reported to be hiding, and to Dallas, a spokesman at the sheriff's office said. The warrants were signed by Criminal Dist. Judge Thomas Brahney, who set bond at \$5,000 for each man.

Garrison obtained a warrant last week for Novel's arrest as a material witness in the assassination investigation. Novel left town just before a second subpoena was issued for him to appear before the grand jury. His bond was fixed at \$50,000.

Earlier, Novel told newsmen he thought Garrison "wants to know something about activities during 1961 which are related to Mr. Sergio Arcacha Smith." Arcacha was head of the anti-Castro Cuban Revolutionary Council here in 1961.

"We know where Arcacha is -- he's in Dallas -- but we are not sure where Novel is at this moment," said Bill Gervich, a special investigator for Garrison. "But we expect to extradite them wherever they are."

"Novel is at large now and is eluding the office. Arcacha is a family man and property owner in Dallas so there should be no problem there."

Contacted by telephone in Dallas, Arcacha said he does not know whether he will fight extradition to New Orleans. But he added:

✓ "It is a shame that in this country they do this to honest people."

The state charge, signed by Asst. Dist. Atty. James L. Alcock, said the burglary conspiracy occurred between Aug. 1 and Aug. 31, 1961, two years before Kennedy was slain.

"I cannot say what explosives or munitions were involved or where they were destined because it might hurt the case," Gurvich said. "It's not because of the court guidelines in the case of Clay L. Shaw. This case occurred two years before the Shaw thing and may or may not be related."

Shaw's arraignment is set for next Wednesday.

The charge of burglary conspiracy against Novel and Smith alleges they "did wilfully and unlawfully conspire with David W. Ferrie ... and others, not herein named, to commit simple burglary of a munitions bunker located in Houma, La., in order to obtain explosives and other forms of munitions, belonging to Schlumberger Well Services, a corporation authorized to do business in the state of Louisiana."

"When they are brought here they will be arraigned before a magistrate just like anyone else," Gurvich said. "I don't think we are recommending a bond at this time."

"We've had this information for a long time and we just decided to use it -- based on witnesses and reliable testimony."

Attorneys for Shaw and the district attorney today agreed on Wednesday as the date for Shaw's arraignment on the murder conspiracy charge. Shaw presently is free under \$10,000 bond.

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F. Irvin Dymond said his client would enter a plea of innocent at the arraignment. Dymond said he would ask for ~~a~~ 30 days ~~in~~ in which to file special pleadings. He did not indicate the nature of the pleadings.

Shaw, former managing director of the New Orleans International Trade Mart, was arrested March 1. At the time he termed the charge fantastic.

Following a four-day preliminary hearing, a special three-judge panel ruled there was sufficient evidence to warrant holding Shaw for trial. And the Orleans Parish grand jury formally indicted him on March 22.

✓ Garrison has said he probably will not bring Shaw to trial for another five or six months. Shaw's attorneys have the right ~~to~~ under Louisiana law to seek an earlier trial.

Shaw has denied ever knowing Ferrie, a former airline pilot who died last Feb. 22 -- five days after the first public disclosure of Garrison's investigation. Ferrie's death was attributed to natural causes.

Perry R. Russo, young Baton Rouge insurance man, testified at the preliminary hearing he heard Shaw, Oswald and Ferrie discuss plans for killing Kennedy.

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