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Shaw Claims Innocence at Press Meeting

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NEW ORLEANS—Clay L. Shaw, indicted for allegedly conspiring to kill President John F. Kennedy, broke a month-long silence Monday to meet newsmen.

Shaw called the press conference apparently to counter some of the adverse publicity he received during the seclusion that followed his indictment March 22. It was his first news conference since March 2, the day after he was arrested by Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison.

But he was prevented from commenting directly on the charges by order of Dist. Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr., who banned all those connected with the trial from discussing the case.

However, Shaw, who appeared to be at ease, did talk freely with newsmen about his background, philosophy and world affairs, and described himself as a "sort of Wilson-Roosevelt liberal," during the 1½-hour session at the home of his attorney, Edward Wegmann.

He reaffirmed his innocence and said he was under strain but trying to lead a normal life. He also said he is writing a play.

Under Strain

"Obviously this is a strain, but I try to lead a

life much as I lived before," Shaw said.

"In everybody's life there is an event in which you divide A.D. and B.C. It's as if your mother or father died — a dividing point that you remember."

Later, his attorneys gave newsmen a three-page mimeographed biographical sketch of Shaw, former director of the International Trade Mart here for 18 years.

Judge Haggerty, who will preside at Shaw's arraignment Wednesday, said he ordered the ban on discussion about the case in order to assure Shaw a fair trial.

Police Arrest Cuban on Garrison Warrant

DALLAS (AP)—Dallas police Monday arrested Sergio Arcacha Smith, self-identified former anti-Castro Cuban leader, on a warrant issued by New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison.

Arcacha was released on bond of \$1,500 after he was arraigned before Justice of the Peace Charlie Davis.

The arrest warrant accused Arcacha of conspiring with the late David W. Ferrie and Gordon Novel, now jailed in Columbus, Ohio, to commit burglary.

Garrison contends that Ferrie conspired with Lee Harvey Oswald and others in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Arcacha, who has admitted knowing Ferrie, insists he knows of "nothing pertinent I could tell the New Orleans people."

Arcacha has lived in Dallas since 1963, the year Mr. Kennedy was slain. He is an employe in an air-conditioning manufacturing firm.

Garrison alleged in the arrest warrant that Arcacha, Novel and Ferrie conspired to burglarize a Houma (La.) munitions bunker in 1961.