

Shaw Set to Deny JFK Plot Guilt

NEW ORLEANS, April 5 (UP) — Clay L. Shaw planned to plead innocent today to Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's charge he conspired with Lee Harvey Oswald and others to assassinate President Kennedy.

Shaw was due before Criminal Dist. Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr. for formal arraignment.

At the same time as the arraignment proceedings, the New Orleans grand jury that indicted Shaw was to be in session, reportedly to discuss a munitions burglary conspiracy charge against Gordon Novel, another figure in Garrison's probe of the assassination.

FREED ON BOND

Novel, arrested as a material witness in the probe, was released Tuesday in Columbus, Ohio, on \$10,000 bond. He said he would "blow the case wide open," claiming Garrison's investigation was a politically motivated fraud.

Shaw, former managing director of the International Trade Mart in New Orleans, has said he wanted a quick trial: "God willing, I'm looking forward to the trial . . . I expect to win."

Garrison's office has indicated the trial is some months off.

Shaw was indicted for criminal conspiracy in the assassination.

Shaw has denied having anything to do with events leading to the Nov. 22, 1963, assassination and has denied knowing Oswald or David W. Ferrie.

BASIS OF CHARGE

Garrison has claimed, on the basis of testimony from Perry R. Russo of Baton Rouge, La., that Shaw talked about killing Kennedy with Oswald and Ferrie, now dead, in Ferrie's New Orleans apartment in September, 1963.

Garrison's investigation must await extradition hearings for Novel, May 3 in Columbus; for Mrs. Harold McMaines in Omaha, Neb., April 25; and for Sergio Archacha Smith in Dallas.

Mrs. McMaines, now under \$1000 bond in Omaha, has said she did not go to the party where Shaw allegedly discussed the assassination with Oswald and Ferrie as Russo testified she did.

REASONS GIVEN

The woman known as Sandra Moffett, before her marriage is wanted as a material witness in New Orleans. Smith was ordered arrested with Novel in connection with the 1961 munitions burglary conspiracy in Houma, La.

Smith, former New Orleans Cuban exile leader, has been freed on \$1500 bond and has pledged to fight extradition to New Orleans from Dallas because Garrison "is a threat to this country."

Novel has said he worked for Garrison in the investigation of Kennedy's death under the code name "Alexandria," and that he once told Garrison: "You do not have a case."

Novel, if brought back to New Orleans, would have to post a \$50,000 material witness bond and a \$5000 bond on the munitions conspiracy theft charge.