

# Shaw Pleads Innocent to Kennedy Conspiracy

Arraignment of Key Probe Figure Comes as Former Ferrie Roommate Is Indicted

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Clay L. Shaw Wednesday pleaded innocent to conspiring to murder President John F. Kennedy.

And the Orleans Parish Grand Jury probing the alleged conspiracy to assassinate the President indicted Layton Patrick Martens, 24, onetime roommate of David W. Ferrie, for perjury.

Martens, the indictment said, lied under oath while testifying before the grand jury last Wednesday.

## Brief Arraignment

The grand jury action came about three hours after Shaw, retired director of the International Trade Mart here, entered his plea in a brief arraignment in a criminal district courtroom just down the hall.

Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison accused Shaw of conspiring with Ferrie and Lee Harvey Oswald to assassinate Mr. Kennedy.

The defense was granted 30 days in which to file new motions. The legal process, a routine step on the way to trial, took four minutes.

Judge E. A. Haggerty Jr. said he would grant the state 30 days in which to file its replies to the defense motions. At the end of the period, a date for hearing on the motions will be set.

## Garrison Quiz

The indictment against Martens indicated that he gave false testimony while being questioned by Garrison, before the grand jury, in regard to the burglary of an oil company's explosives bunker

near Houma, La., in 1961.

The burglary cropped up in the conspiracy investigation when Garrison issued a warrant charging Gordon Novel, 29, a former New Orleans nightclub owner, with conspiring in the break-in.

Novel, who left town suddenly after appearing before the grand jury, was arrested last Saturday in a Columbus (Ohio) suburb.

Garrison has been trying to retrieve Novel from Ohio as a material witness in the case. Terming the district attorney a "character assassin," Novel said he would fight the extradition. He was freed on \$10,000 bond.

## Exchange Given

The indictment gave the following exchange as support of its perjury charge:

Garrison — How often — how well do you know Gordon Novel?

Martens — I don't recall ever hearing of or meeting Gordon Novel.

Question. Are you telling me that even when the boxes were being removed from the bunker you did not know the purpose of the trip?

Answer. No, as best I can remember, I was there. Yes, I do remember being there. The purpose of the trip was not revealed to me.

Q. You do not remember Sergio Arcacha Smith being on the trip?

A. No, I don't.

The indictment did not specify why the testimony was considered perjury. Nor did it go into details on the trip, boxes and bunker alluded to.