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Shaw Freed From 2-Year 'Nightmare'

NEW ORLEANS - (UPI) with fewer friends and less Clay Shaw, freed from money would be able to fight what he called a "horrifying such a charge. nightmare-like experience,

said yesterday District Attorsaid yesterday District Attor-ney Jim Garrison used him mind," Shaw said. as a pawn for two years as a means to attack the Warren Commission report.

Shaw, 55, not guilty early President Kennedy. yesterday of charges of plotting the death of President Kennedy. The trial lasted 34 days; the jury deliberated 54 minutes.

years ago and his long trial the government of using its had ruined him financially power to cover up the truth and would force him to end retirement and look for work.

He was formerly director of the International Trade Mart in New Orleans.

Lawsuits

Shaw and his attorneys hinted at lawsuits against some persons who brought the assassination charge against him.

'This is by no means the end of the matter," Shaw said.

Edward Wegmann, one of Shaw's attorneys, when asked about possible suits, said "we have it under consideration."

Shaw said he "feels wonderful, of course, but this was not unexpected."

"Two years ago today I was arrested. Two years ago tomorrow I said I would be vindicated," he said. Shaw said he intended to do some writing, "quite pos-sibly" based on his experi-ences.

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Shaw said his case proved the district attorney has an awesome amount of power which can be at times abused. He said he wondered many times how a person some anxious moments.

"The thought of this was

Garrison had charged Shaw with conspiring with Lee Harvey Oswald and The 12-man jury declared David Ferrie to assassinate

Shaw said he had to agree with Garrison's warnings about the danger of extreme power. The district attorney, in his closing statement to Shaw said his arrest two the jury late Friday, accused about the Kennedy assassination.

> "Much of what he said is quite true, but justice has not just happened," Shaw said. "He (Garrison) mixed up the cast of characters.

Concerned

He also expressed concern about a group of New Orleans businessmen who contributed to the prosecution's financial fund. Shaw said this added to the imbalance of power between the prosecution and the defense.

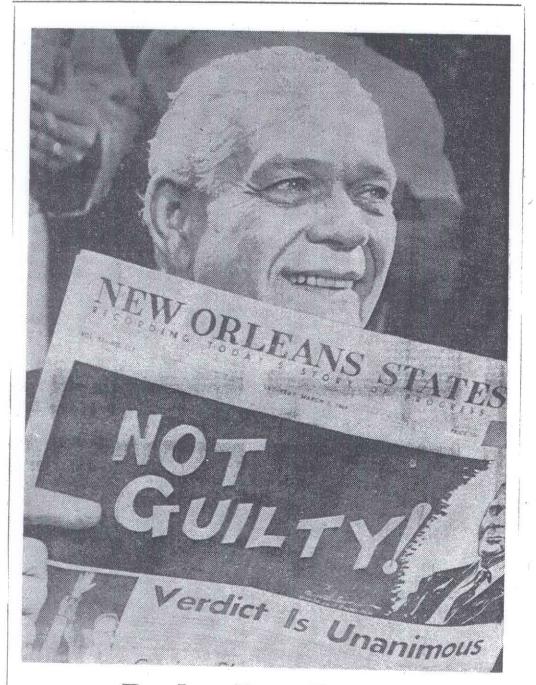
Shaw said he still agrees with the Warren Commission report in general, but added there are "bound to be some loose ends" in such a huge undertaking.

Shaw said he intended to

"I'm just going to go back and try to pick up the strings of my life," Shaw said.

ences.

He said he was confident of acquittal through his twoyear ordeal but admitted to



Broke, But Happy

Clay L. Shaw beamed over a headline which proclaimed his acquittal yesterday in New Orleans on charges of plotting the assassination of President Kennedy. The 12-man jury decided in 54 minutes that evidence produced in

34 days of trial had no merit. Though happy, Shaw said his defense ruined him financially and he would be forced to end retirement, go back to work. (Story on Page A-6)

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