

Former Chef At N. O. Club Goes on Trial

The former manager and executive chef of the Plimsoll Club here goes on trial in Boston federal court today on charges of defaulting on a \$7,000 bail set in Boston in 1963.

Jean Pierre Lafitte, 66, of Armonk, N. Y., voluntarily returned to Boston following his arrest in New Orleans by Federal Bureau of Investigation agents last December.

Lafitte was indicted by a federal grand jury in Boston in 1962 on charges of using the mail to cheat Ralph M. Loomis of Kittery, Maine, out of \$100,000 in stocks involving mining operations in Africa.

According to federal officials the man had used many names and came to manage the Plimsoll Club in the International Trade Mart building about two years ago under the name of Jean M. Martin. Officials said he was brought to the club by a management firm which held the operating contract.

According to a spokesman for the Plimsoll Club, Lafitte never had an involvement in financial affairs of the club but had been introduced to members and visitors as one of the world's greatest food authorities. He said he was a native of Louisiana who had lived many years in France learning the gastronomical art.

While working in New Orleans, Lafitte lived at 717 Fairlawn Drive, Gretna.

Lafitte faces 13 counts of mail fraud, one count of interstate transportation of stolen property and one count of conspiracy. Federal agents said he posted \$50,000 bail but failed to appear at a hearing scheduled in December of 1963.