

Exec Arrested In Investigation Of JFK's Killing

New Orleans, March 1 (AP)—The retired director of the New Orleans International Trade Mart, Clay Shaw, was arrested today on orders of District Attorney Jim Garrison, whose office said he would be charged with taking part "in a conspiracy to assassinate President John F. Kennedy." No formal charge was filed immediately.

"There will be more arrests," the 6-foot-6 district attorney said. "I have no doubt about the case, as I have said before. The arrests will hold up. If you want to bet against me, you will lose."

Garrison said that Shaw, 54, an Army major during World War II, had not made a statement. He said Shaw had been questioned previously. Garrison recommended bond of \$25,000.

About two and a half hours after the arrest was announced, Shaw was brought out handcuffed and taken to central lockup. He smiled through the glare of camera lights. District attorney's men flanked him on both sides.

William Gurvich, chief investigator, said that Shaw "will be charged with participating in a conspiracy to murder John F. Kennedy" — but he couldn't say when the formal charge would be filed.

"Special cases take special handling," said Gurvich at a news conference in the marble corridor outside Garrison's offices. "For all I know it could be several days."

He Receives Subpena

Shaw, a handsome, well-dressed 6-footer with silver hair, was subpoenaed to appear at the district attorney's office. He arrived at 12:15 P.M. The arrest was announced at 5:45 P.M.

It was the first arrest in Garrison's five-month investigation, which he said will prove that a conspiracy born here "culminated



(Associated Press Wirefoto)

Clay Shaw
Arrested in New Orleans

in the assassination of President Kennedy" in Dallas Nov. 22, 1963.

Garrison's probe aroused international interest.

His claim of conspiracy goes counter to the Warren Commission's official report that Lee Harvey Oswald fired the bullets that killed Kennedy and wounded Texas Gov. John Connally—and that there was no credible evidence any one else was involved.

The Warren report contained no mention of Clay Shaw.