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NEW ORLEANS—Lee Harvey Oswald, civic leader Clay L. Shaw, former airline pilot David W. Ferrie and "others" plotted in New Orleans in 1963 to assassinate President Kennedy, Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison charged Thursday.

Shaw, 54-year-old retired managing director of the New Orleans International Trade Mart, was ar-

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rested Wednesday night and released under \$10,000 bond. He was charged with conspiracy to murder. A preliminary hearing on evidence against Shaw was requested by Garrison and set for Mar. 14.

A New York radio station broadcast a report Thursday night that New Orleans D.A. Garrison "believes President John F. Kennedy was murdered by a group of plotters directed from Cuba."

As assassination to Castro Team

Station WINS broadcast a copyrighted story filed by newsman Doug Edelson, who said he got his information from "a responsible, unimpeachable source who has had access to Garrison's files."

The story said that Garrison's files indicated that Castro put out an "execution order" on President Kennedy after the abortive Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba.

Four Cuban assassination teams were organized in the United

States, Edelson said, "made up of Cuban sympathizers and Cuban nationals who had infiltrated the borders."

Edelson said one of the teams was picked up in New York and interrogated by the FBI and details of the plot were learned.

"Three other execution teams remained," Edelson said.

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QUESTIONED
—Atty. Dean A. Andrews.

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"One, according to Garrison's files, was in New Orleans. Again, according to those files, that group consisted of Lee Harvey Oswald, David W. Ferrie, Clay Shaw, and other, so far unnamed, parties."

Edelson said Garrison's files also allege that Oswald's trip to Mexico was to get instructions and funds for the assassination from Cuban officials, not to get a Cuban visa.

Shortly after Oswald's Mexican trip, President Kennedy was assassinated.

Edelson said that Garrison's

files completely clear Jack Ruby of any involvement in the alleged plot against the president.

"As for the other persons in the conspiracy," Edelson said, "Garrison believes he knows the names of many of them. His time table for the case calls for at least two more arrests within the next week or so.

"One thing is certain," Edelson concluded, "at least one man in this country believes every detail I've just related. That man is District Attorney Jim Garrison. Now all he has to do is prove it."

Shaw, a nationally and internationally known figure, is

the only one of the three specifically named alleged conspirators still alive. Oswald was killed by Jack Ruby a short time after the Nov. 22, 1963, assassination in Dallas and Ferrie died of a brain hemorrhage in his New Orleans apartment last Feb. 22.

Garrison forecast more arrests, "more than most people expect."

Details of the assassination plot charged by Garrison emerged Thursday in an affidavit filed earlier requesting a warrant to search Shaw's luxurious French Quarter apartment.

Garrison's affidavit also

identified Shaw as "Clay Bertrand" and a witness who had some contact with a Clay Bertrand in connection with the assassination was subpoenaed to appear in Garrison's office Thursday.

Dean A. Andrews, an assistant district attorney in neighboring Jefferson Parish (County), arrived at Garrison's office about 5 p.m. and was still closeted with Garrison more than two hours later.

Andrews told the Warren Commission, that investigated the assassination that he received a call from a man named Clay Bertrand after Kennedy's death requesting he represent Oswald.

Bertrand, Andrews said, had contacted him occasionally on behalf of "gay kids" and "kooks", usually by telephone.

Andrews told the Commission he was ill at the time and referred Bertrand to Sam Monk Zelden, who accompanied Andrews to Garrison's office as his attorney Thursday.

Shaw denied any connection with Oswald and said he

never had used an alias.

Garrison's affidavit said the conspirators, among them a "confidential informant," met in Ferrie's uptown apartment to make their plans.

FERRIE BURIED

Ferrie, 49, was buried in nearby Chalmette Wednesday, a few hours before attended the funeral.

Shaw's arrest. Three persons Garrison's affidavit said the conspirators met in Ferrie's rooms during September, 1963, and "at these meetings there was an agreement and conclusion . . . to kill John F. Kennedy.

Andrews testified before the Warren Commission that Oswald came to his office several times in the summer of 1963 to seek advice "on a less than honorable discharge from the armed services" and about the citizenship status of both Oswald and his Russian-born wife, Marina.

Annison's search warrant application for Shaw's apartment asked for authority to seize "photographs, letters, political propaganda, maps, newspapers, telegrams, can-

celled checks, diagrams, blueprints . . . copies of manuals, manuscripts, recordings, ledgers, cancelled airplane tickets, telephone vouchers, tools and implements, guns, rifles, ammunition, telescopic sights, miscellaneous gun parts."

Garrison's agents entered Shaw's apartment Wednesday and carried out five boxes of assorted items and a rifle in a canvas case.

Shaw, former managing director of the New Orleans International Trade Mart, is not mentioned in the Warren Report. An associate described him as an admirer of President Kennedy and Acting Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark said in Washington he had been investigated but cleared by the FBI after the assassination.

The search warrant application said an informant attended the alleged meetings at Ferrie's uptown apartment on tree-shaded Louisiana Av. Parkway.

INFORMANT QUOTED

The informant "was present

at these meetings and saw the conspirators and heard the plan," said the warrant application.

"This confidential informant saw David W. Ferrie and Clay Shaw (alias Clay Bertrand) and Lee Harvey Oswald and others and this confidential informant, heard these subjects agree to kill John F. Kennedy and heard these subjects discuss the means and manner of carrying out this agreement," the application said.

Garrison's request for the warrant said the informant after divulging the information "voluntarily submitted to sodium pentothal (truth serum), which was administered under the care and control and supervision of the coroner for the Parish of Orleans, a medical doctor.

"That the confidential informant while under the sodium pentathol verified, corroborated and re - affirmed his earlier statements."

Shaw, at a news conference in Atty. Edward Wegman's office Thursday afternoon, maintained he was "completely innocent" of the charges made against him.