pilot. He knows what he's talking about.

"Bertrand' said that as far as he's concerned, ne's a 'washed-up pilot.'"

Except for the one outburst, Russo said, Oswald remained "detached" during the conversation. The witness said Bertrand's objection, however, prompted Ferrie to come up with an alternate plan. Russo said Ferrie suggested that the three—Ferrie, Oswald and Bertrand (Shaw)—"should be in the public eye, around where a lot of people could see them, on the day of the assassination."

assassination.

The testimony fit in neatly with the conspiracy theory that Garrison had been developing. He claims that Oswald was actually a "decoy and fall guy," and Garrison is now understood to be hunting the one or two gunmen who he claims really killed the President

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Russo swore that he had seen Oswald at Ferrie's apartment on Louisianna Avenue Parkway several other times, including once "near the end" of September and on another occasion when he swore he found Oswald on the couch "either polishing or cleaning or wiping a rifle."

Garrison, appearing in court for only the third time in his career as District Attorney, produced a rifle, "similar," his aldes later said, to the Mann-licher Carcano Oswein for by

mail order and allegedly used to kill the President. rhey added that the rifle was found in Ferrie's apartment.

Russo testified that it was not quite like the rifle he saw Oswald cleaning. The net effect of this courtroom episode thus was apparently to suggest, without saying so, that the gun Oswald was cleaning in Ferrie's flat was the Mannlicher.

A "Clay Bertrand" was mentioned to the Warren Commission as a mystery man with a fondness for "gay kids" who supposedly sought legal help for Oswald. The FBI never found "Bertrand."

The semi-alias of "Leon Oswald" also was mentioned in the Warren report. Mrs. Sylvia Odio, daughter of a prominent Cuban family, told the Commission that three men Knocked at her Dallas apartment several days after Oswald's departure from New Orleans.

One, she testified, was introduced as "Leon Oswald." His companions, she said, described him as feeling that "President Kennedy should have been assassinated after the Bay of Pigs.."

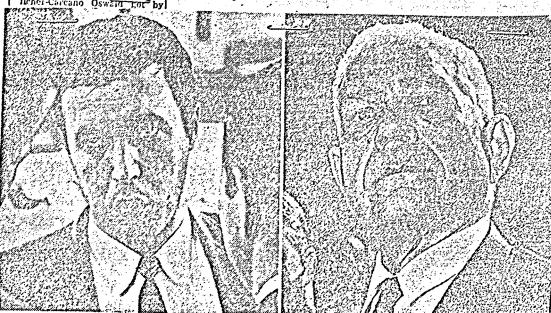
The Warren Commission

The Warren Commission noted that Oswald was on his way to Mexico City and could not have been one of the men who visited Mrs. Odio.

The Associated Press reported that has told a television interviewer he had never heard of Oswald until he was linked with the presidential assassination.

IWDSU-TV of New Orleans broadcast an interview tonight it made with Russo shortly after the death of Ferrie two weeks ago.

I"I never heard of Oswald until the assassination."
Russo said in the interview. He said Ferrie never mentioned Oswald's name.]



CHARGES CONSPIRACY—Perry R. Russo, left, testified in New Orleans that he heard Clay L. Shaw, at right,

leaving courtroom, conspire with Lee Harvey Oswald and David W. Ferrie to assassinate President Kennedy.