

3 Judges Hold Shaw for Trial as JFK Plotter

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New Orleans, March 17—Retired businessman Clay Shaw, 54, was remanded for trial here late today in connection with an asserted plot to assassinate President John F. Kennedy.

A three-judge panel decided to bind Shaw over for trial after a four-day hearing in which Perry Russo, 25, a Baton Rouge insurance salesman, testified that he had heard Shaw, Lee Harvey Oswald and David Ferrie conspire to murder the President.

The hearing ended late this afternoon and the judges announced their decision tonight. In testimony before the hearing today, Dr. Esmond Fatter testified that he gave Russo a posthypnotic suggestion to tell the truth in testifying about the purported plot.

Another Oswald Link
Shortly afterward, District Attorney Jim Garrison produced a second witness who linked Lee Harvey Oswald with Shaw.

The new witness was Vernon Bundy, 29, of New Orleans, who told Shaw's preliminary hearing here that he had been a drug addict in the summer of 1962 at the time he said he saw Oswald and Shaw together on the shores of nearby Lake Pontchartrain.

Bundy, who said he was at the lake to hunt up some ~~report~~, testified that he saw Shaw give Oswald a roll of money. ~~and he~~ said he heard Oswald say, "What am I going to tell her?" Bundy said he assumed that Oswald was referring to his wife.

He said Shaw replied: "Don't worry about it. I told you I'm going to take care of you."

Bundy, dark-skinned and dark-haired, appeared in court wearing slacks and an open-neck sport shirt. He identified the men on Shaw after looking at photographs of the two.

Dr. Fatter previously had told of hypnotizing Russo, 25, who says he was present when Oswald, Shaw and ex-pilot David Ferrie, now dead, discussed ways to assassinate Kennedy.

From his notes, Fatter quoted the words he had used while Russo was in the trance:

"You have a task to perform that you have voluntarily submitted to. You can't will yourself to do this task well. You will be amazed at how acute your memory will be for the next few weeks. Things you thought you had forgotten will be the truth as you see it, nothing more and nothing less."

"What We All Want"

"All I suggested, Fatter said later under cross examination by defense attorney Irvin Dymond, "was that he (Russo) tell the whole truth and be cool, calm and collected. It's a good post-hypnotic suggestion to give anybody. It's what we all want."

Fatter testified he had induced Russo's trance by asking the subject to visualize himself standing at the top of a flight of stairs, looking down.

The hypnotist told him to descend the stairs and as he went down he would go deeper and deeper into the trance.

The defense objected violently at this point, obviously fearful that the witness would tell the

court that Russo had been transferred back to September, 1962, when he says he heard the asserted plotters discussing the assassination. The three-judge panel upheld the objection.

In the morning, the Orleans Parish (County) coroner, Dr.

Nicholas J. Chetta, who had used hypnosis and sodium pentathol, a truth drug, to question Russo, testified that after a person came out of a trance he could recall more than before he went into it.

He said this could occur as late as two weeks or a month after the trance.

The coroner said Russo was hypnotized three times by Fatter between Feb. 23 and March 12, but neither the coroner nor Fatter, who also testified, was allowed to tell what Russo said while in the trances.

In cross examination, Chetta agreed that a subject might fantasize while in a trance, either from hypnosis or from the truth drug.

"It depends on the person conducting the tests to segregate the facts from the fantasies," he said.

Fatter, a founder-member of the American Society of Clinical Hypnosis, then testified that he hypnotized Russo by talking to him and by telling the subject to look at a coin he was holding.

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(Associated Press Wirephoto)
Blonde accompanies witness Perry Russo on arrival at court in New Orleans yesterday.



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Clay Shaw (l.) and attorney Edward Wegmann look over Warren Report in New Orleans before start of testimony yesterday.

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