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VANCOUVER (Special)—An American who claims he worked in Calgary for the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency has told a Vancouver newspaper he had dealings with Lee Harvey Oswald in his capacity as CIA agent.

Donald P. Norton 35, told The Sun in an interview he encountered Oswald, Clay Shaw and David Ferrie while he was on the payroll of the CIA, the U.S. espionage agency.

Norton said he delivered an attache case containing \$50,000 from Clay Shaw to a man he later identified as Lee Harvey Oswald, the man named by the Warren Commission as the assassin of President Kennedy.

He said he made the delivery to Monterrey, Mexico.

Norton said his instructions were to make his way from Monterrey to Calgary, where he made himself known publicly. He was then contacted and turned over documents he had received from Oswald in Monterrey.

"My instructions were to get established in Calgary and I did by becoming very prominent on local television and playing for one of the well-known restaurants in Calgary. The man contacted me."

The Sun says Norton refused to identify his Calgary contact and referred to him only as "a certain well-known oil company employee."

"Norton's activities in Calgary, apart from his CIA dealings, have been largely confirmed by The Sun," the newspaper said.

These activities were also confirmed by The Albertan.

A spokesman for CHCT television confirmed that Norton appeared on a late night program during the fall of 1962.

A spokesman for the Alberta Piano Co. Ltd. confirmed he was employed by the company for about one year giving organ lessons. He disappeared suddenly, the spokesman said.

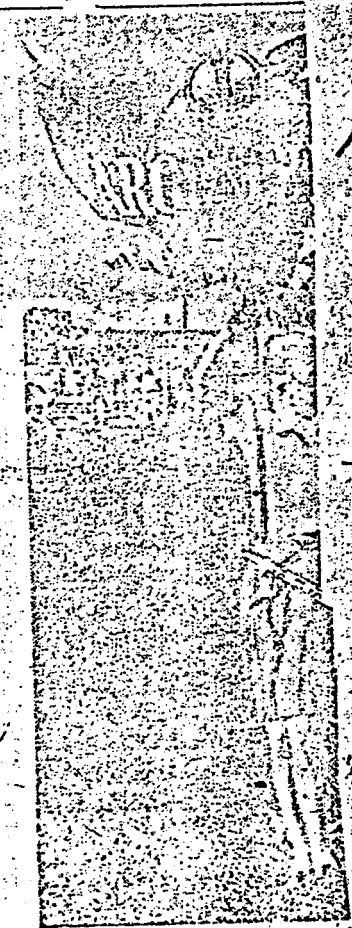
Norton had returned to Calgary this summer and had told his story to a personality associated with the station.

However, the story had been discounted and forgotten until it was published in Vancouver Saturday.

"Norton first came to see The Sun July 8," says the newspaper. "Since then many details of Norton's story have been confirmed. But the authenticity of his central claims defy verification by normal newspaper investigation."

Clay Shaw, a New Orleans businessman, has been indicted by a grand jury on charges of conspiring to kill the president following an investigation by

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District Attorney Jim Garrison of New Orleans.

David Ferrie, who died in February this year, was a central figure in Garrison's investigation. Mr. Garrison claims the assassination resulted from a complex conspiracy involving para-military groups linked with the CIA and dissident Cuban exiles.

Norton, a musician, is a native of Columbus, Ga. until late last year he operated his own record promotion and production company in Albany, Ga. He told The Sun that Ferrie, a pilot, was his contact man in 1956 on a CIA assignment to carry about \$150,000 into Havana.

He said the money was to be used to support the revolutionary activities of Fidel Castro. He knew Ferrie as Hugh Pharris.

"This man, known to me as Hugh Pharris, delivered to me the case which contained the money I was to take to the CIA contact in Havana," Norton said in the interview.

Norton said he met Shaw in Alabama in August, 1962, before a CIA assignment to Monterrey.

He said Shaw was with a man who gave him an attache case containing about \$50,000 to be delivered to a "Harvey Lee" in Monterrey in exchange for another case containing documents.

"During the publicity of the assassination when the man known as Lee Oswald was revealed to the public, I almost immediately recognized him as being the same Harvey Lee I had met in September, 1962, in Monterrey, to whom I delivered the money.

"I believe this was for a revolutionary-type activity against Castro. This was a CIA assignment."

"This was done July 9, the day after he came into The Sun, and Garrison agreed to send one of his top men to Vancouver to interview Norton," The Sun says.

The newspaper says Norton was interviewed by Charles Ward, chief deputy assistant district attorney July 12 and on July 13 Norton returned to New Orleans for further questioning.

"Officials in Garrison's office later told The Sun by telephone that Norton's evidence con-

firmed some they already had and gave them possible new leads," The Sun says. "They termed Norton's story 'plausible' but possibly colored.

"They did not know whether Norton would be asked to testify in the Shaw conspiracy case," The Sun says.

Norton said he had worked for the CIA intermittently since 1957.

He said he lost his job with the CIA in November, 1966, as a result of the Garrison investigation. "I was told . . . that I should take a long, quiet vacation."

Norton said he spent seven months criss-crossing the U.S. and Canada and finally arrived in Vancouver July 4.

"I came to Canada for one reason—to see if I could find a place to settle down and lead just an everyday normal life and get out of this mad race I've been involved in," he said.

He admitted he had been convicted of embezzlement in 1952 and sentenced to six months at Columbus, Ga. He said the Cuban assignment involving Ferrie brought him about \$5,000, the Mexico one with Oswald about \$2,500, in addition to a \$500 monthly salary.

The Sun says Norton was given a lie detector test Thursday "by another Vancouver news media negotiating for his story."

"He was told the test was inconclusive because of his highly nervous condition," says The Sun. "The media refused to deal with him on the grounds of the test."

Janko rig places first

RED DEER (CP) — Bill Greenwood of Lousana, Alta., drove the Janko Brothers rig to victory with an accumulated time of four minutes, 26.9 seconds in the four-day Red Deer exhibition chuckwagon meet which ended Saturday.

Bobby Cosgrave drove the second and third place rigs in the races. He piloted the Flett Brothers wagon of Hland Hills, Alta., in 4:28.1 and the Newall Brothers rig in 4:32.4.

Janko and Flett had been tied going into Saturday's heat.