

Shaw Trial Draws Varied Crowd

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New Orleans, Jan. 26—One of the strangest assemblage of characters imaginable is being drawn to New Orleans by the trial of Clay L. Shaw, accused of plotting with Lee Harvey Oswald to murder President Kennedy.

Oswald's wife, Marina, now remarried and living outside Dallas, has volunteered to testify on behalf of the retired New Orleans businessman.

Oswald's Mother Due

Oswald's mother, Mrs. Marguerite Oswald, has made hotel reservations for the length of the trial. She is said to be trying to clear her son.

Earl Ruby, the brother of Jack Ruby, the Dallas nightclub owner who shot Oswald to death two days after the assassination, is also reported to have made plane and hotel reservations for the trial, which is expected to last until the end of February. A spokesman in Detroit for Mr. Ruby has refused comment.

Mr. Shaw is accused, among other things, of paying a "sum of money" to Oswald and Jack Ruby at a Baton Rouge hotel before the assassination as part of the alleged plot.

Witnesses Brought In

Jim Garrison, the district attorney, has subpoenaed almost two dozen out-of-state witnesses, including Dallas policemen, residents, photographers and sightseers who witnessed the assassination.

He expects to use their testimony to substantiate his theory that the President actually was caught in a crossfire, rather than being shot from behind by Oswald as concluded by the Warren Commission.

The FBI office here is reported to have almost doubled its staff of special agents in the past month, bringing in men from around the country.

FBI Refuses Comment

FBI spokesmen here and in Washington have refused comment, except to note that agents have been subpoenaed to testify in the trial.

Activity at the office of the Central Intelligence Agency here has also increased with the influx of many new agents, several of whom will attend the Shaw trial as observers.

In pre-trial court papers, Mr. Garrison has asserted that Oswald, far from being the Communist-oriented, confused young man driven to kill the President out of a need for publicity—as he was pictured by the Warren Commission—was actually a highly trained agent of the CIA. Mr. Garrison also has asserted that many of the unidentified persons he says were involved

in the conspiracy are also current or former CIA agents.

Also in town, according to police and investigators for the district attorney, are several dozen anti-Castro Cubans, who have come principally from Miami and camps in Florida.

New Orleans police say their undercover detectives have not been able to determine the Cubans' purpose. Mr. Garrison charges that the alleged plot to kill President Kennedy originally was focused upon Premier Fidel Castro of Cuba, but went awry.

These factors "and more" have prompted Judge Edward A. Haggerty, Jr., who is presiding over the trial, to order strict security arrangements.

Jurors Under Guard

The 8 men already chosen for the panel of 12 jurors and 2 alternates are under constant guard by deputy sheriffs and are living in a motel near the courthouse.

Newsmen and spectators entering the courtroom are searched and are required to have special passes. There are 14 deputy sheriffs stationed inside the courtroom, and more than 20 extra armed guards posted elsewhere around the courthouse. The courtroom and outside hall are under continual surveillance by closed-circuit television.

Despite these security arrangements, efforts are being made to strengthen them when the actual trial and testimony gets under way, probably this Thursday. Jury selection is to continue tomorrow and is expected to take three more days.

Tass Present

Once a jury is chosen, more than 100 out-of-town newsmen—including correspondents for Tass, the Soviet news agency—are expected to cover the trial.

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In the midst of all this activity, New Orleans is at the height of its convention season. With temperatures in the 60's and even 70's most afternoons, groups as diverse as the American Mathematical Association and the National Swimming Pool Institute have been meeting here.

There is also a convention forming that the local Chamber of Commerce did not anticipate—motorcyclists, in black jackets, heavy boots and iron crosses have been rolling into town since Thursday from as far away as California and Chicago.

"Conspiracy Tour"

Warming up for the Mardi Gras, three tour guides have added "a conspiracy tour" to their repertoire of French Quarter, plantation and bayou tours. One such "conspiracy tour"

takes 2½ hours, costs \$10 a person with a minimum of three persons—and is "completely a fraud" according to the district attorney's office.

The tour takes the visitor by Mr. Shaw's French Quarter house, the uptown apartment buildings where he is said to have worked out the alleged assassination plot and the downtown house where Oswald lived.

Stops At CIA

It also stops at the CIA office, an advertising agency said to be a CIA front, a bar that has become a gathering spot for Cuban refugees, the courthouse where Mr. Shaw is on trial, Mr. Garrison's home and concludes with a stop at a mysterious back-street, French Quarter bar, entered through a rear door that is practically impossible to find again.