

Shaw, Oswald Again Linked

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NEW ORLEANS—A second witness testified today that he saw Clay L. Shaw and Lee Harvey Oswald in the same small rural Louisiana town in the summer of 1963.

Extensive cross-examination by Shaw's chief counsel, F. Irvin Dymond, failed to change the testimony linking the accused assassin of President John F. Kennedy to Shaw, a prominent New Orleans businessman.

Shaw is on trial on a charge of conspiring with Oswald, David W. Ferrie "and others" to kill Kennedy. His trial is now in its second day here in New Orleans.

William Dunn Sr., the first witness called today, testified that he saw Shaw and Oswald on the same day in Clinton, La. Dunn, a Negro, was then engaged in a civil rights voter registration drive for the Congress of Racial Equality in Clinton.

Standing in Line

He said he saw Oswald standing in the voter registration line in the morning and said he saw Shaw sitting in a black Cadillac parked about 20 feet from the registrar's office.

Similar testimony was given late yesterday afternoon by another civil rights worker, Corry Collins, who said he saw that car drive up with three men in it and Oswald get out.

As in yesterday's cross-examination, Dymond tried hard to shake the testimony, without success.

"You say that man Clay Shaw was the man sitting behind the wheel?" he asked.

"I do, Dunn replied.

Dymond, however, did establish one major contradiction in the testimony of the two men. Both had described the driver of the car as having broad shoulders, a ruddy face and white hair.

In his testimony, though, Collins said the driver of the car was wearing a hat. Today, Dunn said he wore no hat.

"Isn't it a fact the man you saw in the car had a hat on?" Dymond asked.



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"He didn't have a hat on," Dunn answered.

"You're sure of that?" the attorney asked. "You swear he didn't have a hat on?"

"I say he didn't have a hat on."

In another confusing exchange, Dunn testified under questioning that he wasn't even sure whether Oswald had a beard.

Identifies Two

Collins testified that he saw Oswald, Shaw and Ferrie drive into Clinton about 9:30 in the morning. Oswald got out the back seat of the car and stood in line waiting to register as a voter in that parish, Collins said. He identified Shaw as the driver of the car, and Ferrie as the companion on the passenger side of the front seat.

"This is the man who did get out of the car," he said, when handed a picture.

When asked who that was, he answered:

"He's Lee Harvey Oswald."

Then he was asked:

"Do you see the man who was behind the wheel in this courtroom today?"

"Yes," he said, and pointed to Shaw sitting at the bench in front of him.

A few minutes before, John Manchester, the town marshal, testified that he had interrogated the driver of that black Cadillac while the car was parked in Clinton.

When asked to describe him, he said: "Yes sir. He was a big man. Gray hair. Ruddy complexion — uh — an easy talkin' man."

When he was asked if he saw that man in the courtroom, he answered quietly, "Yes, sir," and he pointed to Shaw.

The Clinton voting registrar, Henry Earl Palmer, testified that Oswald appeared before him. Oswald, he said, produced a Navy identification card with his name, and gave a New Orleans address. He said he was there because he was seeking a job at the East Louisiana State Hospital and he had been told he might have a better chance if he were a registered voter.

Sitting on Seawall

This afternoon, a third witness testified he saw Shaw and Oswald together. This testimony dealt with bizarre circumstances.

Vernon William Bundy Jr., a New Orleans clothing presser, who said he had been a narcotics addict since he was 13

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and only in the last three weeks has tried to cure the habit, testified he saw Shaw and Oswald while he was sitting on the seawall about to give himself a shot of heroin. The incident occurred, he testified, in the summer of 1963.

Bundy said he saw a large black Cadillac drive up and a man get out. Shortly, he saw another man approaching from the beach. Asked if he saw one of those men in the courtroom today, he answered, "I see one."

"Where?" asked Asst. Dist. Atty. James Alcock.

"Seafed there," he said, pointing to Shaw. He also identified a picture of Oswald as the man he had seen talking with Shaw, and explained, under questioning, that he had paid particular attention to them because he was afraid they might be policemen.

None of this kind of eyewitness description of Oswald and companions had appeared in the Warren Report on the Kennedy assassination.