

Garrison Says Oswald Was a Scapegoat

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 8 (UPI) — The state is ready to bring on its big witness against Clay L. Shaw to testify he listened in on a meeting in which Mr. Shaw, Lee Harvey Oswald and others "discussed and refined" a plot to murder President John F. Kennedy.

Perry Raymond Russo, 27, will testify the meeting took place in the apartment of David W. Ferrie. The trial of Mr. Shaw, a former businessman, went into the third day of testimony today with Mr. Russo scheduled as the next witness but with a long period of cross examination of another man to precede him.

ACCORDING TO DIST. ATTY. JIM GARRISON, Mr. Russo will testify that the plot was Mr. Kennedy would be killed by crossfire, preferably coming from three men, and one of the gunmen would be sacrificed as a scapegoat to allow the others time to escape.

Mr. Shaw is charged with criminal conspiracy with Oswald and Ferrie, both now dead. Late yesterday, the state called as a witness Charles Spiesel, a New York accountant and tax specialist who said he heard Shaw, Ferrie and others he did not know discussing how to kill President Kennedy.

He said Mr. Shaw seemed amused at the whole conversation.

Defense Attorney F. Irvin Dymond brought out on cross-examination that Mr. Spiesel had had difficulty with one firm he worked for, and Mr. Spiesel replied: "While working there, they used hypnosis on me."

UNDER MR. DYMOND'S QUESTIONING, Mr. Spiesel said he had filed a suit — without a lawyer — a few years ago in New York for \$16 million claiming the New York police had tortured him mentally, hypnotized him and harassed him so that he gave up his business.

For the state, Mr. Spiesel testified he had met Mr. Ferrie in a bar here in June, 1963, and gone with him to an apartment where Mr. Shaw was host at a small gathering in which, finally, 11 or so men sat around an oval table. The conversation turned to President Kennedy and:

"QUITE A FEW criticized him. One man said: 'Somebody ought to murder the son-of-a-bitch.' A man sitting next to Shaw, about 5-feet-9, with a beard, dirty blond, and a splint on his finger, said: 'Yes, I'd like to do it, but how would you do it?'"

"Then everybody at the table started talking how to do it and the consensus came around to a high-powered rifle about a mile away. The same man asked, 'Do you really think it can be done?' I had become alarmed and I said: 'Yes, but he would get himself killed.'"

"Mr. Shaw said to Ferrie: 'Someone could fly him out.' Ferrie hemmed and hawed and then said 'Yes, it could be done.'"

THE PRECEDING state witness, Vernon W. Bundy, a cleaning-shop presser said he was a heroin addict in 1963. In June, 1963, as he was about to give himself a shot of heroin at a lonely stretch of lakefront here, he said he saw Mr. Shaw give Mr. Oswald what appeared to be money.

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