

SHAW JURY VISITS FRENCH QUARTER

Witness Shows Court Scene He Links to Assassination

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NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 8—A New York tax accountant, Charles Spiesel, followed by 14 jurors, a judge and six lawyers tramped through French Quarter apartment houses this afternoon looking for the apartment where he said he had heard a discussion of the planned assassination of President Kennedy in 1963.

John F. Kennedy
Clay L. Shaw, the retired New Orleans businessman who is accused of plotting the assassination, also strode along with the group.

Mr. Spiesel gave more details of how he had been hypnotized and tortured mentally by his enemies in recent weeks in a morning court session before the trial was adjourned to the French Quarter. On his visit to the French Quarter, Mr. Spiesel apparently found an apartment that he would say was the one where he saw Mr. Shaw in June of 1963.

The apartment is at 906 Esplanade Avenue. Two girls, one of whom was sleeping late after a Friday night party, were awakened so that Criminal District Judge Edward A. Haggerty could lead the party through the clutter of glasses and plates left over from the party.

Although Mr. Spiesel did not say anything, he indicated that he had found the apartment.

Witness to Testify

Perry Raymond Russo, the state's chief witness against Mr. Shaw, is scheduled to testify soon. Mr. Russo, a 27-year-old former insurance salesman, testified two years ago that he had overheard Mr. Shaw, David W. Ferrie and Lee Harvey Oswald planning the assassination of Mr. Kennedy.

The expedition by the court into the French Quarter this afternoon ended in chaos.

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As the jurors alighted from a bus to begin their tour of the apartment houses with Mr. Spiegel, horse-drawn carriages with tourists rolled by, with the tourists almost falling from the buggies, trying to see what was going on.

Across the street from the scene, four carloads of police officers were rounding up a houseful of hippies for smoking marijuana.

A huge German shepherd dog, barking loudly, attempted to bite the tires of more than a score of cars arriving with reporters, photographers and spectators.

Two scantily clad young women created a commotion when they wandered out on their second-floor balcony to see what was happening. One of the girls finally earned a pair of shorts when photographers kept taking her picture from the sidewalk.

A monumental traffic jam developed as the buses and taxis were snarled along Esplanade Avenue.

Photographers Removed

Deputy sheriffs were forced to remove photographers who tried to follow the judge, jurors, witness, defendant and lawyers into the private dwelling.

While the one houseful of 15 hippies were being arrested on the marijuana charge, another houseful of hippies descended on the crowd to sell copies of a New Orleans underground newspaper.

Before going into the French Quarter, Mr. Spiesel spent an uncomfortable morning detailing again how he had been tortured over the years by his enemies. He told his story freely, but it seemed to pain him.

About 50 or 60 enemies had hypnotized him over the past few years, he said, planting wild ideas in his mind. One of his competitors in a tax business had sewed the seeds of poor business judgement, which led to his bankruptcy, Mr. Spiesel said.

A certified public accountant he knew had proved to be particularly adept at the use of disguises, Mr. Spiesel said. The accountant would follow him for months, sometimes changing into the uniform of the captain of the Pinkerton Detective Agency to fool him, he said.

Mr. Spiesel testified that on one trip to New Orleans, about three years ago, he took a deposition from Jim Garrison, the New Orleans District Attorney, because he thought that Mr. Garrison might be responsible for the men who were following him in New Orleans trying to hypnotize him, he said.

"Have you been hypnotized while you have been in New Orleans on this trip?" F. Irving Dymond, the chief defense attorney, asked.

"I'm sorry to say, no," Mr. Spiesel said.

Mr. Spiesel said that before he was called to testify he had told Mr. Garrison and his staff about his long history of being hypnotized by his enemies. He also referred to a \$16-million suit which he has pending in Federal Court against business members of the New York City police department, a psychiatrist, several certified public accountants, and other persons who had hypnotized him over the years and had caused him to lose \$1-million a year in income.

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