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The unusual legal excursion during which Spiesel and the jury trooped through an apartment occupied by two women, one of whom was still in bed. -coincided with the beginning of the Mardi Gras celebration here. Parade watchers and residents suddenly found themselves in the midst of a criminal trial.

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The prosecution, which had sprung the 50-year-old accountant as a witness on short notice, then requested a weekend recess to check Spiesel's description of the party loca-tion against building records. The defense, which has been making its own search of French Quarter apartments, raised no objection.

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Charles I Spiesel (right) leads Clay Shaw jury on tour of several French Quarter apartments. In doorway (upper left) is Shaw. Judge Edward Haggerty Jr. is in center (with handkerchief).