

Star Witness Fails to Find Shaw House

New Orleans, Feb. 8 (UPI)—The Clay Shaw conspiracy trial jury went into the French Quarter today to see if a star state witness could find an apartment where he said he had heard Shaw plot to kill President Kennedy.

The witness, Charles I. Spiesel, 50, who complained in court of being hypnotized by his enemies, could not definitely point out the apartment.

"I will have to stand by my testimony," the New York public accountant testified this afternoon just before Criminal District Judge Edward A. Haggerty dismissed court until 9 A.M. Monday.

Spiesel testified earlier that in June 1963 he heard Shaw and nine or 10 other men in an apartment house at Dauphine ways of killing Kennedy. St. and Esplanade Ave. discuss leans businessman; is charged

Shaw, 55, a retired New Or- with plotting in 1963 with Lee Harvey Oswald and David W. Ferrie—both now dead—to assassinate Kennedy. Shaw denies even knowing Oswald and Ferrie.

Start of Carnival

At the start of the carnival season leading up to Mardi Gras, Spiesel led the jury on a false foray into a pink brick apartment house. He then led the 12 men of the panel and two male alternates into a drab, balconied house where Shaw lived in 1963.

Spiesel and the jury tramped through one apartment occupied by two women. One woman apologized for being in bed, saying they had given a party last night. The other woman stayed in bed.

"The second one is similar, if not the building," Spiesel said back in court, of his search for the apartment building. "That is

about the best I can do about the building and its locality."

The defense had insisted on having Spiesel lead the jurors to the scene to determine "whether this man knows what he is talking about." Defense Attorney F. Irvin Dymond cross-examined Spiesel extensively in an effort to break down his reliability as a witness. He concentrated heavily on Spiesel's hypnotic experiences and a \$16 million suit he filed against the Pinkerton Detective Agency in New York.

Spiesel said he had been "hypnotized against his will" possibly 50 or 60 times in a period of 15 years. He said some people in New Orleans had tried to force him into hypnosis "from time to time" since 1961.

"Catch His Eye"

"I don't know their identity," he added.

When Dymond asked him if he had been hypnotized on his most recent visit to New Orleans, Spiesel replied, "I'm afraid I must say no."

Dymond asked Spiesel how he knew when people were trying to force him into hypnosis.

"They try to catch my eye—catch my attention," he said.

Dymond noted that Spiesel's New York suit claimed that certain people had given him hypnotic illusions.

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