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tness Says Shaw 'Plotting Could Have Been Bull Session

cused could as easily have been "an inconsequential bull ses-sion" as a serious scheme.

The defense got in that lick "I've alway late yesterday in the trial of the plied Russo. 55-year-old retired businessman on charges of conspiring to murder President John F. lennedy.

Russo, 27, a book salesman, sometime cab driver, and sports buff has provided the principal son to prove a plot to kill Presi-dent Kennedy.

Russo testified for the state on his friendship with a bizarre character - the late David W Ferrie who in the summer of 1963 "became obsessed with the murder" of Kennedy. He said he had heard Ferrie say "we will kill him - it won't be long" several times and wasn't sure if lbe méant it.

In mid-September of 1963, in Ferrie's apartment, Russo testified, he listened while Ferrie, 49, a flying instructor, did most of the talking in the alleged plot.

Talking with him, Russo testified, were his roommate Lee Harvey Oswald, whom the wit-ness knew as "Leon," and the dignified and culturally inclined Shaw, who was introduced as Clem Bertrand.

He said they discussed a triangulation of crossfire, the necessity of a scapegoat, diversionary shots, escape by air and setting up of alibis by being in cities

other than the murder site. On cross examination by defense attorney F. Irvin Dymond, Russo said he had not been there all the time in the 3- to 4-hour session.

Under Dymond's questioning Russo said Ferrie "was screwy but there a paradox of a per-

Perry Russo, a key witness in and claimed to have five de Asst. Dist. Atty. Andrew J. the Clay L. Saaw trial, says the grees, and you'd think he'd be Sciambra was read to the jury. 1963 presidential assassination doing something better. He was plotting of which Shaw is ac-prone toward the spectacular." "You mean to infer that Ferrie was a little on the crazy side?" Dymond asked.

when the latter first became involved in the case nearly two vorre ago-which said that years ago-which said that "Russo said he did not take any public evidence in the two-year of Ferrie's statements seriously battle of Dist. Atty. Jim Garri- until he read" of Garrison's investigation.

"Is it not a fact that the con-versation (of the alleged plot-ters) could just as well have been an inconsequential bull ses-sion as it could have been anything serious?" Dymond asked. "Yes," said Russo.

"Is it not a fact that you have told people that it could well have been?" "Yes."

Ferrie died on Feb. 22, 1967, because he was apparently a and on Feb. 24 Garrison said he and his staff had "solved" the "It seems instead of looking at and his staff had "solved" the assassination. Dymond brought out that in three television interviews on the latter date Russo young boys in the crowd. He never mentioned a conspirato-

tized by Garrison investigators that day which fit very tightly . three times before he detailed . the kind that a lot of queers in the conspiracy during a bearing the French Quarter woot." in March 1967.

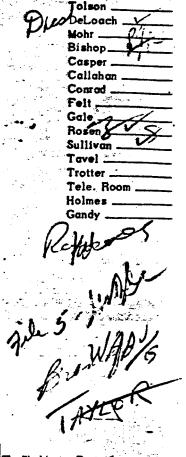
With the consent of both the state and defense, an interview

NEW ORLEANS (UPI) -- sonality; he spoke 11 languages with Russo on Feb. 25, 1967, by It said that "Busso said ... it

was common knowledge ťn everyone that Ferrie was a homosexual," that Ferrie has surgical equipment and bones in his "T've always thought so," re-plied Russo. Dymond read from a newspa-per interview with Russo-made attic, was teaching young boys in the Civil Air Patrol jungle warfare in a plan to help "liber-ate South American countries." It quoted Russo as saying "Ferrie showed him a drug he had concocted that was very similar to aphrodisiac but even better. He (Ferrie) said it would make a person extremely pas-sionate ... He had tried it on his roommate and it worked perfectly . . . His roommate became very passionate and aggressive and had intercourse with Fer-rie."

The memorandum said Russo was shown a picture of Shaw and recalled seeing him in 1962 when Kennedy spoke at a wharf dedication here, and "he said he particularly remembers this guy

JFK speak, Shaw kept turning around and looking at all the said that Shaw eventually struck rial meeting, Oswald or Clem Bertrand. Russo has said he was hypno-said Shaw had on dark pants



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