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NEW ORLEANS (UPI)--THE ALL-MALE JURY IN THE CLAY L. SHAW TRIAL HAS THE OPINION OF THE STAR STATE WITNESS THAT THE PRESIDENTIAL ASSASSINATION PLOTTING OF WHICH SHAW IS ACCUSED COULD AS EASILY HAVE BEEN "AN INCONSEQUENTIAL BULL SESSION" AS A SERIOUS SCHEME. THE DEFENSE GOT IN THAT LICK LATE MONDAY IN THE TRIAL OF THE 55-YEAR-OLD RETIRED BUSINESSMAN ON CHARGES OF CONSPIRING TO MURDER PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY.

IT CAME SOONLY BEFORE ADJOURNMENT IN THE FOURTH DAY OF TESTIMONY. PERRY RAYMOND RUSSO, 37, BOOK SALESMAN, SOME TIME CAB DRIVER, AND SPORTS SWEEPER, HAS PROVIDED THE PRINCIPAL PUBLIC EVIDENCE IN THE TWO-YEAR CASE OF DIST. ATTY. JIM GARRISON TO PROVE THE WARREN REPORT ERRED IN SAYING THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF CONSPIRACY, SAID HE HAD EVEN TOLD PEOPLE IT COULD HAVE BEEN A BULL SESSION. RUSSO TESTIFIED FOR THE STATE OF HIS FRIENDSHIP WITH A BIZARRE CHARACTER--"HE WAS PRONE TOWARD THE ECSTATIC"--NAMED DAVID W. FERRIE WHO IN THE SUMMER OF 1963 "RECALL 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 HE REALLY MEANT IT. IN MID-SEPTEMBER, 1963, IN FERRIE'S APARTMENT, RUSSO TESTIFIED, HE LISTENED WHILE FERRIE, 49, A FLYING INSTRUCTOR WITH A BODY DEVOID OF HAIR THROUGH DISEASE AND A MIND BENT ON EQUAL PORTIONS OF IMMORALITY AND MEDICAL SCIENCE, DID MOST OF THE TALKING IN THE ALLEGED PLOT.

TALKING WITH HIM, RUSSO TESTIFIED, WERE HIS ROOMMATE LEE HARVEY OSWALD, WHOM THE WITNESS 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 SCARCOAT, 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 DYKOND, RUSSO SAID HE HAD NOT BEEN THERE ALL THE TIME IN THE 3 TO 4 HOUR SESSION.

UNDER DYKOND'S QUESTIONING, RUSSO SAID FERRIE "WAS SCREWY BUT SHARP--A PARADOX OF A PERSONALITY; HE SPOKE 11 LANGUAGES AND CLAIMED TO HAVE FIVE DEGREES. AND YOU'D THINK HE'D BE DOING SOMETHING BETTER. HE WAS PRONE TOWARD THE SPECTACULAR."

"YOU FEEL TO INFER THAT FERRIE WAS A LITTLE ON THE CRAZY SIDE?" DYKOND ASKED.

"I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT SO," REPLIED RUSSO. DYKOND READ FROM A NEWSPAPER INTERVIEW WITH RUSSO WHEN THE LATTER FIRST BECAME INVOLVED IN THE CASE NEARLY TWO YEARS AGO WHICH SAID THAT "RUSSO SAID HE DID NOT TAKE ANY OF FERRIE'S STATEMENTS SERIOUSLY