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STATE'S STAR WITNESS HAS TRIAL SPOT LIGHT

Testimony By Russo Awaited

Perry Raymond Russo, the state's star witness, was due to take the stand today in the trial

of Clay L. Shaw. The defense has vowed to prove he is a liar.

Russo, 26, told a preliminary hearing for Shaw in March, 1967, he heard Shaw plotting the assassination of John F. Kennedy here in September, 1963, with Lee Harvey Oswald and David William Ferrie.

SHAW, 33, is on trial in Criminal District Court on charges of conspiring to kill Kennedy, shot to death in Dallas Nov. 22, 1963. The War-

ren Commission named Oswald as his lone assassin.

Russo said he recalled overhearing the plot at a party in Ferrie's Louisiana ave. pkwy. apartment after having his memory refreshed hypnotically. Ferrie, whom District Attorney Jim Garrison has tagged a key figure in the alleged plot, died in the same apartment Feb. 22, 1967.

Hypnotism became a big issue in the trial last week. It popped up during chief defense counsel F. Irvin Dymond's questioning of surprise witness Charles L.

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Spiegel, 38, a New York City accountant.

SPIEGEL CLAIMED Ferris, a wartime airline pilot, took him to a party in the French Quarter in June, 1963, at which Shaw and others discussed the assassination of Kennedy.

Over the objections of chief prosecutor James L. Alcock, Dymond questioned Spiegel about lawsuits in which Spiegel charged he was frequently hypnotized against his will and held under "illusions."

At Dymond's request, Spiegel later led the judge, jury, lawyers, defendant and spectators to the Quarter, where he found a building "similar" to the one in which the alleged party took place. Spiegel said he wasn't sure it was the same apartment. It was in the same apartment complex where Shaw lives.

SPINOFF'S testimony at the

1967 hearing also dealt with a party and hypnosis.

In Washington, D.C., a court hearing will be held Friday on Garrison's subpoenas for the autopsy report and photos of the President's body, concealed in the national archives until 1971 at the request of the Kennedy family. Garrison also wants the clothing JFK was wearing when he was shot and the rifle with which the Warren Commission says Oswald shot him.

Judge Charles E. Halleck Jr. of General Sessions Court in Washington has said he will not order the materials released unless Garrison can prove they are relevant to the Shaw case.

ON SATURDAY, Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr. issued a statement denying he was critical of the three-man panel which handled the preliminary hearing. The judge said newsmen misinterpreted his remarks during Friday's trial session.

The matter grew out of the examination of state witness Vernon Bundy Jr. Judge Haggerty ruled the witness did not have to incriminate himself by testifying about possible thefts he may have made to support his narcotics habit. Such testimony was permitted without objection in the preliminary hearing.

The judge said he was "in no way critical" of the handling of the matter by the three-judge panel, but ruled differently in this trial because "a different legal situation" has arisen.