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SHAW CASE INTERVIEWS

Newsmen Charge DA Harassment

A Newsweek Magazine reporter said today the Orleans Parish District Attorney's office "is trying to make it appear we've done something wrong" in interviewing witnesses in the Clay L. Shaw case.

Hugh Aynesworth, of the magazine's Houston bureau, told the States-Item he and another reporter, Ken Biffel, have been in New Orleans working on the case but have violated no law.

Assistant District Attorney James L. Alcock yesterday said he will instigate an Orleans Parish Grand Jury investigation into complaints of witnesses that the two newsmen and private investigator William Gurvich have been questioning them.

Aynesworth said he is "concerned with this new attempt by Garrison's office to interfere with freedom of the press. All newsmen should be."

Alcock acknowledged there is no law against talking to witnesses but said he is concerned about the source of statements he said the reporters possessed. Asked about the possibility of a leak in the DA's office, Alcock said:

ALCOCK SAID today he plans to question the witnesses closely to see if anyone has been trying to "color their testimony."

He said he particularly wants to know where the newsmen got statements the witnesses previously gave the DA's office. Aynesworth termed this charge "ridiculous."

Shaw goes on trial a week from today on charges of conspiring to kill President John F. Kennedy. Criminal District Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr. yesterday officially set the trial date after turning down two last-ditch defense motions aimed at throwing out the charges or moving the trial outside New Orleans.

AYNESWORTH confided that Gurvich, who formerly worked on the Kennedy assassination probe with District Attorney Jim Garrison, has given me some help in work on the Shaw case.

Gurvich said today he plans confer with his attorney will have no comment then.

"WE'RE LOOKING into that, too."

Alcock said the reporters had the names of some witnesses "even some of our staff doesn't know about."

Yesterday, Garrison's office issued subpoenas for 11 witnesses for the Jan. 21 trial. Among them were Perry Raymond Russo, and Vernon Bundy, start state witnesses in the preliminary hearing for Shaw in March, 1967.

Among the new names was French Quarter nightclub singer Connie T. Kaye, who said she had a "run-in" with accused presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald here in 1962.

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Dr. Fatter, a physician and court-accredited expert on hypnosis, testified at the preliminary hearing that he had placed Russo under hypnosis during interrogation. Hayward is a detective in the

police community relations division, while Reilly is a detective in the bureau of identification.

Schuster is an employe of the Orleans Parish Coroner's Office.

Dymond also filed a motion to ban any electronic recording devices from the court room.

It gave "strenuous objection" to any attempt to tape record or film any part of the trial.

The motion said the defense had reason to believe that the court planned to allow recording of parts of the trial.

Judge Haggerty assured Dymond that he had given no permission to anyone to record or photograph proceedings during the trial.

However, as a security measure, Criminal Sheriff Louis A. Heyd Jr. planned to install closed circuit television.

Dymond said that would only be permissible if there is no voice, or audio broadcast, and no filming.

The judge promised to outline security procedures Tuesday.

He also promised stern action against anyone caught trying to record any part of the trial.

Haggerty conceded that there are persons willing to take a chance and try to record or film the trial.

"If they do, they act at their own peril. I assure you I will put them in jail," the judge warned.



VERNON BUNDY



JOHN REILLY



PERRY R. RUSSO



DR. ESMOND A. FATTER



FRANK HAYWARD



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CONNIE T. KAYE