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Shaw Defense Rests

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 27 (UPI)—The defense rested its case in the Clay L. Shaw trial today after presenting the white-haired defendant as the climatic witness in his own behalf to deny categorically he ever plotted to kill President John F. Kennedy.

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Shaw: Didn't Know Oswald or Ferrie

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 27 (UPI)—Clay L. Shaw swore today that he was a John F. Kennedy supporter and never plotted to murder the President.

Mr. Shaw, 55, was the climax witness for the defense in his trial on charges of conspiring with Lee Harvey Oswald and David W. Ferrie in September, 1963, to assassinate Mr. Kennedy.

The defense intended to rest its case at the end of his cross-examination and the case was expected to be in the hands of an all-male jury by the weekend.

"Were you ever engaged in any assassination plot?" Defense Attorney F. Irvin Dymond asked Mr. Shaw.

"No," he replied.

"Did you ever, jokingly or casually, talk about killing the President of the United States?"

"No. Most certainly not."

"Did you ever conspire with David Ferrie and Lee Harvey Oswald to murder John F. Kennedy, President of the United States?" Mr. Dymond asked.

"No," he answered in a low voice.

In addition to being a lifelong Democrat who had voted for Mr. Kennedy for President, Mr. Shaw recalled, he had served on the reception committee for a Kennedy speech in New Orleans in 1962 and in the spring of that year had been present at the White House for the swearing in of a former New Orleans mayor as ambassador to the Organization of American States (OAS).

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