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A 29-year-old Negro, Vernon Bundy, testified today that he had seen Clay Shaw and Lee Harvey Oswald together on the Lake Pontchartrain seawall during the summer of 1963. Bundy identified photos of both Shaw and Oswald. He said, during the preliminary hearing for Shaw that he saw Shaw pass a roll of bills to the man he identified as Oswald.

A physician-hypnotist testified today that he left Perry R. Russo in a post-hypnotic state Sunday and told him, "You will be amazed how acute your mind will be in the next few weeks."

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ENCLOSURE

Dr. Esmond A. Fatter, a private physician who qualified as an expert on hypnosis, testified this afternoon in the preliminary hearing for Clay L. Shaw, booked with criminal conspiracy in the death of President John F. Kennedy.

Russo is the key state witness who Tuesday testified that Shaw conspired with Lee Harvey Oswald and David William Ferrie to kill the President.

There were these other major developments as the hear-

ing wore through its fourth day today, Shaw's 54th birthday:

—Presiding Judge Bernard J. Bagert said today's testimony would continue into the evening hours in an effort to end the hearing. Otherwise, he said, it will extend into the weekend.

—The DA's office was apparently giving a lie detector test to a new mystery witness.

About noon today Assistant DA Charles Ray Ward and other officers were seen escorting a husky Negro man into the polygraph room at police headquarters. They were still in the room at 2 p. m.

Ward refused to identify the man but the States-Item learned he is Vernon Bundy Jr., a narcotics offender who is in jail on a parole violation.

Bundy reportedly told prison officials he had something important to tell Judge Bagert about the Shaw case.

In testimony at the hearing itself, Dr. Fatter and Orleans Parish Coroner Dr. Nicholas J. Chetta were on the stand most of the day, testifying about the sodium pentothal (truth serum) questioning of Russo.

At one point, Dr. Fatter was asked:

"On March 12, Dr. Fatter, or the last time you saw him, did you give Mr. Russo a post-hypnotic suggestion?"

"I did.

"Will you tell this court about that?"

"I would like to read from my notes the exact suggestion give to Russo on March 12, 1967."

There were objections by the defense to this line of testimony, and Judge Malcolm V. O'Hara agreed with them. But he was overruled by Judge Bagert and Judge Matthew S. Braniff. The three-judge panel is hearing the case, which will determine whether Shaw is held for trial.

Dr. Fatter then read from a piece of paper the suggestion he made to Russo:

"That's right. Go deeper. Relax. Anytime you want to you may permit yourself to be cool, and calm and collected.

"This is a task you have voluntarily entered into. Let yourself do this task well. You'll amazed how acute your mind will be in the next few weeks.

"You will be telling only the truth without fear or remorsefulness. All you are doing is telling the truth, nothing more, nothing less."

"Count to five, yet your eyes spring open. Remember, you have a task you elected to perform. You can do it well. You will do it well.

"Remember, the truth always rings out."

Dr. Fatter said he told Russo, "At the count of five, you will open your eyes" and Russo did.

It was also reported that an East Baton Rouge Deputy Sheriff named Nick Ross appeared at the courthouse today saying he had some information for Garrison's office. He said he once knew David William Ferrie.

Ferrie, a key figure in the alleged plot, was found dead here Feb. 22.

Dr. Chetta was closely cross-examined on the credibility of questioning done with sodium pentothal and hypnosis.

Dr. Chetta testified that Russo was hypnotized in his office last Sunday two days before the current hearing began.

The coroner admitted that he spent only an hour with Russo before the witness underwent hypnosis through the use of sodium pentothal. He had testified earlier that the quality of results of such questioning depends on the knowledge of the person administering the drug.

But he added that "I have had 17 years' experience dealing with this kind of work and I can acquire the fine points in a short time."

DR. CHETTA SAID RUSSO, A 25-YEAR-OLD insurance salesman, underwent hypnosis on Feb. 28 at Mercy Hospital, on March 2 in the office of Ward, and on March 12 at the coroner's office.

Russo told the court Tuesday that he heard Show, Oswald and Ferrie plot the assassination in September, 1963, in Ferrie's apartment at 3330 Louisiana ave. pkwy.

Kennedy was shot to death in Dallas Nov. 22, 1963. The Warren Commission reported Oswald did the killing alone.

Assistant DA Alvin Oser began questioning Dr. Chetta about details of Russo's comments while under hypnosis.

Defense Attorney F. Irvin Dymond objected:

"Your Honor, he is getting out of the realm of sanity of this witness and is trying to bolster the credibility of the witness and I object."

After some discussion, Judge Bagert overruled the objection.

Dr. Chetta was cross-examined by defense attorney William Wegmann. He asked the coroner whether fantasies appear in the mind of persons placed under sodium pentothal.

"Yes. It is up to the man doing the test to tell whether the person is lying or speaking in fantasy," said Dr. Chetta.

"ACCORDING TO MY NOTES, YOU GAVE RUSSO the drug the same day you questioned him. How long did you talk with him?"

"About an hour."

"Is this the only time that you saw Russo?"

"Yes, sir."

"Doctor, you said before that results depend upon the dependability or knowledge of the person administering the drug."

"It is true," said Dr. Chetta. "I spent only an hour with the patient before administering the drug, but I have had 17 years experience dealing with this kind of work and I can acquire the fine points in a short time."

Shaw arrived at 9:50 a. m., apparently in good spirits. He shook hands and said "good morning" to one of the deputy sheriffs who has been in the courtroom every day of the hearing.

He then conferred with Dymond, sometimes smiling during the conversation.

THE FIRST WITNESS on the stand today was C. W. Johnson, district director of the Immigration and Naturalization Service in New Orleans.

He appeared in response to a subpoena by defense attorneys for records on Manuel Garcia Gonzales and Junio Buzenero.

In yesterday's testimony, Russo had mentioned two persons as having attended a party at Ferrie's house where the plot to kill Kennedy was allegedly hatched. Their names sounded like Julio and Manuel.

Johnson was asked by Dymond what records he brought to the hearing. He said he had two files relating to the same man, Gonzales.

He said it was a record of a Cuban who entered the United States as a refugee, containing an alien registration card, pictures and a small registration card.

DYMOND THEN MOVED TO HAVE THE records submitted as a part of the evidence. Judge Bagert then said, "I understand there are two folders. What is the other folder?"

"The other folder relates to a Manuel Garcia Gonzales who entered the United States as a temporary visitor," Johnson replied.

Dymond then asked, "Do you have any records on Julio Buzenero?"

"No, sir, no records at all."

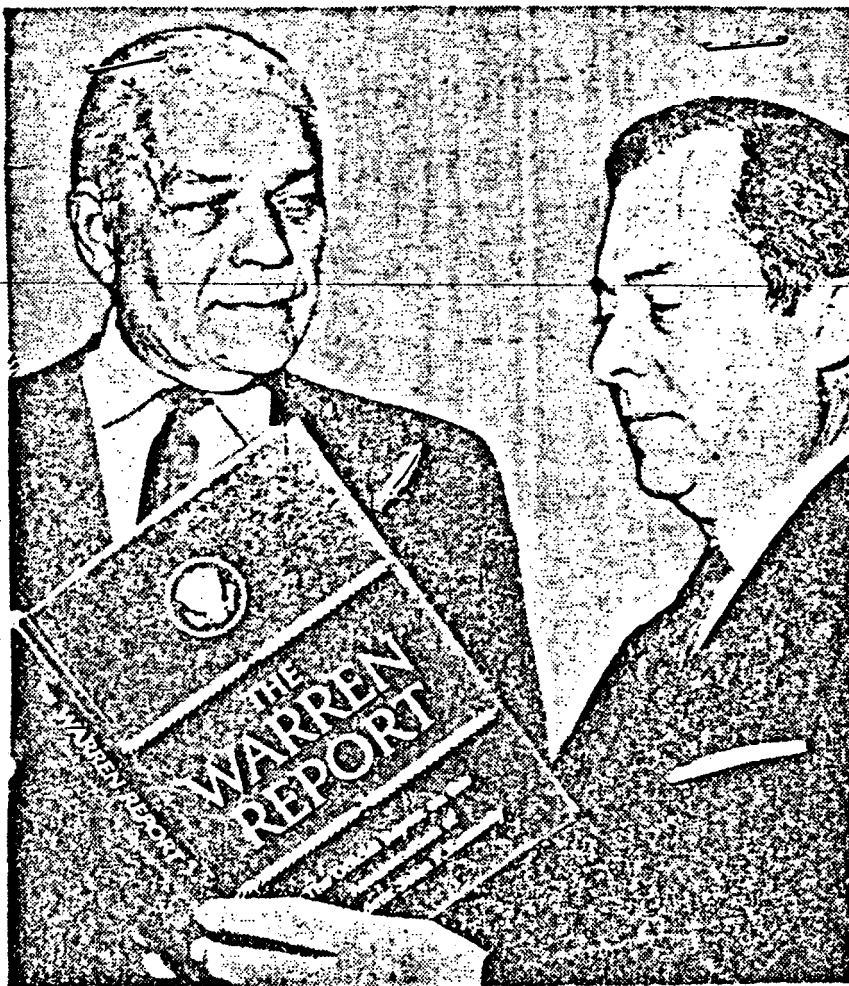
Johnson stepped down and Dr. Chetta returned to the stand. He had been testifying when the hearing recessed yesterday.

The two persons whose immigration records were brought by Johnson were themselves subpoenaed earlier by defense attorneys.

SHAW SHOWED signs of weariness as the hearing moved through its third day yesterday. His eyes were bloodshot, his suit ruffled.

"How would you like to swap places with me?" he asked a newsman, with a glum smile.

The two new witnesses were apparently a pair referred to by Russo as having attended a party at which he says a plot was hatched in September, 1963, to kill the President.



—Associated Press photo by Jack Thornell.

CLAY L. SHAW watches as his attorney, **EDWARD WEGMANN**, looks over a copy of **The Warren Report** prior to the fourth day of testimony in the preliminary hearing for Shaw, accused of conspiring to murder President **John F. Kennedy**. Judge **Bernard Bagert** has refused to allow the defense to enter the 26 volumes of the report as evidence in the hearing.