

School Teacher Chosen AS Third Shaw Juror

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Sandra Moffett*

A third juror was sworn in this afternoon in the trial of Clay L. Shaw, charged with conspiring to kill President John F. Kennedy.

The new juror, agreed upon by both state and defense before Criminal District Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr., is William Ricks Jr., of 2841 Maunepas, a teacher at Booker T. Washington High School.

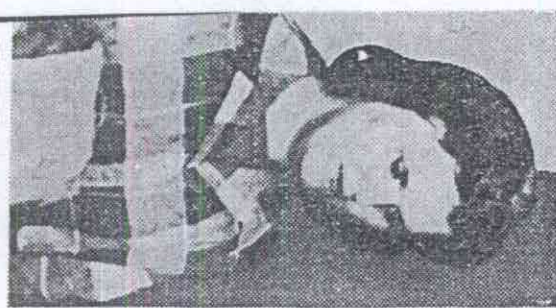
AS THE AFTERNOON SESSION started, Judge Haggerty called a third group of prospective jurors. By 2 p. m., 20 of the original 169 on the jury list either had been excused or rejected.

At 2 p. m., four panelists remained from two previous groups whose names were drawn. One was under questioning as the afternoon session continued after a brief recess. This morning, the state exercised its first peremptory

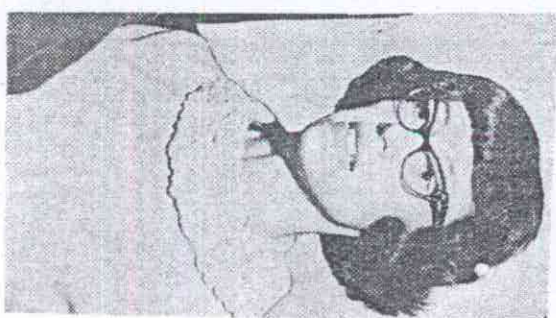
challenge and rejected a juror who said he believed Kennedy was shot by only one man. The potential juror, Leo Martin, 1381 Senate, had been accepted by the defense.

THE STATE and defense each have 12 peremptory challenges, meaning they can reject a juror without giving a reason. Otherwise, Judge Haggerty must decide on an individual's fitness to serve. Yesterday, the defense used one of its challenges. Each side now has 11 left.

Also today, the defense issued subpoenas for Mrs. Ruth Hyde Paine of Irving, Tex.; Mrs. Harold McMhaines of Des Moines, Iowa, and Melairle attorney Hugh Exnicios. Exnicios had been subpoenaed previously by the defense but today's order calls for him to bring to court a tape recording of an alleged conversation between two aides to District Attorney Jim Garrison and Exnicios' client, Alvin Beauboef. The Garrison investigators and Lynn Loissell and Louis Ivon Beauboef was a friend of the late David William Ferris, named by Garrison as one of the conspirators in the



SANDRA MOFFETT
M'MAINES
Subpoenaed



RUTH HYDE PAINE
Called as witness.

Kennedy case.

Chief defense counsel F. Irvin Dymond handled the questioning of jurors today for the Shaw side. Assistant DA James L. Alcock is acting as chief prosecutor.

YESTERDAY, financial problems of prospective jurors appeared the major

stumbling block in empaneling a jury. Many said they couldn't afford to serve two months without pay. Jurors in criminal district court get no stipend. Both the state and defense say they expect a two-month trial.

As court opened this morning, Judge Haggerty noted he had eight potential jurors left over from yesterday's proceedings and ordered 12 more names drawn from the box. All the rest of the venire was excused until this afternoon.

FEWER PERSONS were in the courthouse corridor this morning and anyone with an official pass was admitted to the courtroom. Yesterday, only a few were admitted because the space was taken up by potential jurors.

The two jurors sworn in yesterday sat in the jury box through this morning's proceedings. They had been locked up overnight and will be until the trial is over.

The first three potential jurors to come up this morning quickly were disqualified when they told the judge they already had fixed opinions in the case.

THE STATE questioned Martin at some length and then tendered him to the defense. Under questioning by Dymond, Martin said he always has held the opinion that Kennedy was shot by only one man.

Assistant DA Alvin V. Oser asked Martin:

"Do you think President Kennedy was shot by conspirators or one man acting alone?"

Martin: "I think he was shot by one man."

Oser: "How long have you had this opinion?"

Martin: "Since he was shot."

Oser: "It's still your opinion he was shot by one man?"

Martin: "That's my opinion."

Oser: "What would it take for the state to prove a conspiracy?"

Martin: "They would have to show more than one man did the shooting."

Oser then used a peremptory challenge to reject Martin.

Mrs. Paine is a Quaker who befriended Marina Oswald in 1963. The wife of accused assassin Lee Harvey Oswald stayed with Mrs. Paine from April, 1963, until Oswald found work in New Orleans in May and again after the family left New Orleans in the fall.

She took the family to Texas while Oswald was in Mexico. Marina lived with her from then until the day of the assassination.

The Warren Commission concluded there was no evidence to suggest Mrs. Paine or her husband had any connection with the assassination.

Mrs. McMaines, who was Sandra Moffett when she lived in New Orleans, was a friend of Perry Raymond Russo, who testified at a preliminary hearing he heard Shaw plot the assassination with Oswald and others. Mrs. McMaines told newsmen she did not attend the party at which Russo said the conversation took place but refused to return to New Orleans to testify in Garrison's investigation.

EXNICIOS, attorney for Alvin Beauboeuf, charged in 1967 he had tapes of a conversation between Beauboeuf and two Garrison aides who threatened and attempted to bribe his client.

The two jurors agreed upon yesterday are:

Irving Mason, 50, machine operator, 2308 Tennessee.

Oliver M. Schultz, 39, a New Orleans Public Service Inc. employe, 7136 Lamb rd.

Of the panelists dismissed yesterday, about half said their employers wouldn't continue their pay during jury

confinement.

Judge Haggerty repeatedly sent prospective jurors back to his chamber to telephone their employers and confirm the matter of pay.

Under questioning, both Mason and Schultz testified they had read little about the case, seldom talked about it, saw few television reports on it, had no opinions and didn't care how long the trial lasted.

"You want to be a juror in this case, do you not?" Dymond asked Mason, regarding him with a perplexed frown. Judge Haggerty blocked the answer. Asked the same question by Alcock, Schultz smiled and said, before the judge could intervene:

"Not necessarily."

DYMOND EXPENDED the first of his 12 peremptory challenges in dismissing one juror the state had accepted.

Mason and Schultz, as jurors, quickly found that rank has its privileges. Judge Haggerty, after they were sworn, informed them they were now among those permitted to smoke in the courtroom.

The high point of yesterday afternoon's session came when Dymond told Mason, "Clay L. Shaw will take the witness stand in his own behalf. Will you give him the same consideration as other witnesses?"

Mason replied "Yes." It was the first indication that the retired businessman would testify. A defendant has the option of testifying or remaining silent.

Shaw was arrested March 1, 1967, but a series of legal delays kept him from going to trial until yesterday. He consistently has maintained he knows nothing of any assassination plot.

In a separate matter relating to Garrison's assassination probe, Texas Secretary of State Roy Barrera said yesterday in Austin he advised Gov. John Connally against extradition of a theft suspect to Louisiana because he was suspicious of the case.

Connally Friday refused extradition of James Richard Clements.

BARRERA SAID he "didn't like the looks of the case." He said he became concerned about extradition proceedings when he heard reports Clements might be wanted more for questioning by Garrison in the Kennedy probe than for theft.

Barrera noted there was a seven-year lapse between the time the crime allegedly occurred and when the extradition proceedings began.