

Zapruder Film of Assassination Is Shown to Jury in Shaw Trial

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The jury in the Clay L. Shaw trial was shown a color motion picture today of the slaying of President Kennedy as District Attorney Jim Garrison began to try to disprove the Warren Commission report that a lone assassin was involved.

The murder scene, filmed by Abraham Zapruder, Dallas dress manufacturer drew an audible response from the crowded courtroom as the President's head seemed to explode when struck by a bullet. In the film, the President appeared to be knocked backward against the rear seat where he was seated with his wife.

Mr. Garrison has contended that the shot that killed President Kennedy, the one that struck his head, was fired from in front, and that the President's being knocked backward proves this.

An explanation offered to the Warren Commission was that the Secret Service agent driving the Presidential limousine increased the automobile's speed at about the same time that President Kennedy was hit in the head, causing the President to fall backward.

The film was shown twice, the first time with the jury out of the courtroom to give Mr. Zapruder a chance to determine if the copy was the same as the original.

Seemed the Same

It seemed to be, Mr. Zapruder said. However, he said he would not say that one of two frames were not missing.

Assistant District Attorney James L. Alcock, chief prosecutor of the Shaw trial, told the court that the Zapruder film was being offered as part proof that President Kennedy was struck by bullets fired from more than two directions.

Mr. Shaw, a retired New Orleans businessman, is being tried on a charge of conspiring to murder the President.

"If the state can prove that the President was shot from more than one direction, the state in effect has proved a conspiracy," Mr. Alcock said.

Before the motion picture was shown, Mr. Zapruder gave a description of the assassination as he viewed it while photographing the Presidential motorcade from the north side of Elm Street in Dealey Plaza in Dallas.

"As they were approaching

where I was standing, I heard a shot and noticed when the President leaned toward Jacqueline," he said. "Then I heard another shot. It hit him in the head and practically opened it up."

When the first shot hit the President, "he grabbed himself toward his chest," Mr. Zapruder said. As the second shot

hit, "he laid about the same way, leaning forward toward Jackie, almost falling."

"I was extremely shattered," said Mr. Zapruder in his slightly accented tones. "I kept on saying, 'They killed him, they killed him.'"

Three witnesses from Dallas was called today as the state seemed to end its testimony about the alleged conspiracy in New Orleans.

Any testimony about the actual murder scene was vigorously opposed by defense attorneys, who argued that the state was trying to bolster its conspiracy charges with illegal evidence.

"This court has ruled consistently for almost two years that there is no connection between Dealey Plaza and this alleged conspiracy," said F. Irvin Dymond, chief counsel for Mr. Shaw.

Only one of six "overt" acts the state said were taken in advancement of the conspiracy to assassinate Mr. Kennedy was even laid in Dallas. The state said Lee Harvey Oswald advanced the conspiracy when he brought a rifle from the home of Mrs. Ruth Paine to the Texas School Book Depository on or before Nov. 22, 1963.

Co-Worker Called

The state called Hugh Wesley Frazier, a co-worker of Oswald's at the book depository, to testify that Oswald had taken a long package to work with him on the morning of Nov. 22, 1963, the date of the assassination.

Before Mr. Frazier was called to testify, Robert H. West, the Dallas County land surveyor, identified a drawing of Dealey Plaza that he made for the Warren Commission in May, 1964.

The commission staff, using the Zapruder film, was able to pinpoint the locations of the Presidential limousine when President Kennedy and the then Gov. John B. Connally Jr. were hit by bullets.

The surveyor said he was in Dealey Plaza when Mr. Kennedy was murdered and that he heard four sharp reports.

The first two, he said, he considered to be motorcycle backfires, but that the last two were clearly rifle shots.

"Were you able at any time to locate the source of these sounds?" he was asked.

"The sound came from the northwest quadrant of Dealey Plaza," he said.

The school depository, from which the Warren Commission said the shots were fired, and a grassy knoll that many spectators said was the source of at least one shot, are both in the northwest quadrant, Mr. West said.