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**Man and Wife
Testify Shaw
Knew Ferrie**

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NEW ORLEANS—A labor union leader and his wife stunned spectators and defense attorneys at the Clay L. Shaw trial Thursday with a story of having seen Shaw and the late David W. Ferrie together in 1964.

This surprising testimony came after Shaw took the stand as the final witness in his defense. He firmly denied that he knew Ferrie or Lee Harvey Oswald or that he took part in any conspiracy to assassinate President John F. Kennedy.

The testimony alleging that Shaw and Ferrie were together in 1964 came from Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Tadin, who said they watched the two men emerge from a hangar at New Orleans' small Lakefront Airport. Their son, who is deaf, was taking flying lessons from Ferrie, a former airline pilot.

"Dave said later, 'That's a friend of mine. He's Clay Shaw, head of the International Trade Mart.'" Tadin, business agent for New Orleans local 174 of the Musicians' Union here, testified.

Followed Case

The Tadins admitted they had not contacted Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's office until Thursday morning — even though they said they had followed the Garrison assassination investigation since it broke two years ago.

Their testimony overshadowed what until then had been one of the most significant developments in the 32-day-old trial: Shaw's first appearance

on the witness stand and his first public statement in his own behalf since the day after his arrest March 1, 1967.

The white-haired defendant denied among other things:

—Ever knowing Ferrie or Lee Harvey Oswald, with whom Garrison claims Shaw conspired during the summer of 1963 to assassinate President Kennedy.

—Ever using the alias "Clay Bertrand" or "Clém Bertrand," names which Garrison contends Shaw

employed in the conspiracy.

—Attending a party in Ferrie's apartment where Perry Raymond Russo, principal prosecution witness, said he overheard a plot discussed.

—Ever working for the Central Intelligence Agency.

—Ever knowing other key witnesses who testified against him.

Shaw testified that he was an admirer of Mr. Kennedy, had voted for him in 1960 and had met him once in Washington.

The 55-year-old defendant, former director of this city's internationally famed Trade Mart, spent 30 minutes under direct examination and an hour under cross-examination.

Remarkably when Asst. Dist. Atty. James Alcock cross-examined Shaw, he did not once ask about the alleged conspiracy.

Seems Confident

Shaw appeared calm and confident, replying to questions in a distinct, firm voice.

Both Tadins spoke crisply and with certainty.

Dymond asked both husband and wife repeatedly why they had waited until now to come forward with their stories.

"When did you get in touch with the D.A.?" Dymond asked Tadin.

"This morning."
/ Was he aware a preli-

minary hearing was held two years ago for Shaw and that a critical issue was whether or not Ferrie and Shaw were acquainted?

"I certainly was," Tadin replied. "The thing disturbed me from the beginning."

"Then why didn't you come forward then?" Dymond demanded.

"Like so many others who do not come forward — I didn't want to get involved."

"If you didn't want to get involved in 1967, then why did you get involved this morning?"

"I was watching TV last

night, listening to the news about what was going on, and everything.

I knew it was not true what I heard on TV last night (about defense testi-

mony that Shaw never knew Ferrie). I thought I had better go tell it."