



CHARGES CONSPIRACY—Perry R. Russo, left, testified in New Orleans that he heard Clay L. Shaw, at right,

entering courtroom, conspire with Lee Harvey Oswald and David W. Ferrie to assassinate President Kennedy.

Oswald, Ferrie, Shaw There, Salesman Says

s Tells of JFK Plot Session in '63

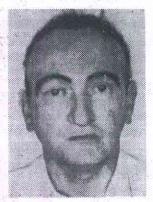
NEW ORLEANS, March 14 (UPI)-A 25-year-old insurance salesman testified today that he heard Lee Harvey Oswald, David W. Ferrie and Clay L. Shaw conspiring to assassinate President Kennedy at a party in mid-September of 1963, two months before Mr. Kennedy was killed in Dallas.

Perry R. Russo, a former college student who now lives in Baton Rouge, said he was present as the three men sat in Ferrie's apartment and argued about escape routes, and discussed "triangulation of crossfire."

He pointed out Shaw, 54, former managing director of the New Orleans International Trade Mart, in the as the assassin of Mr. Ken-much of the first day of a precourtroom as the man he met nedy by the Warren Commis-liminary hearing to determine at the party as "Clem Ber-



LEE HARVEY OSWALD



DAVID W. FERRIE

... named in New Orleans plot

sion, and Ferrie from photo- whether District Attorney Jim graphs. Both are now dead. Garrison has enough evidence

He identified Oswald, named Russo's testimony took up to try Shaw for conspiracy to

murder. The hearing resumes at 11 a.m. Wednesday.

Russo said he saw Oswald four times in New Orleans, in the months before Mr. Kennedy was assassinated Nov. 22, 1963. He knew him as "Leon Oswald," he said.

He described Oswald as a dirty, half-shaven and unpleasant figure who sharply disagreed at the meeting on the best methods and once told "Bertrand" to "shut up and leave him (Ferrie) alone. He knows what he's doing."

"He did not take a liking to me," Russo said of Oswald. The first time I was introduced to Leon Oswald, he made a crack about not wanting me to be there."

Russo said Oswald questioned his presence at the See ORLEANS, A11, Col. 1

Heard Slaying Plotted, Salesman Tells Court

to stay? What's he doing plored the possibilities of eshere?" Russo said.

'Ferrie said, 'He's all right.'"

Name Not in Archives

Russo's name does not appear in the National Archives in Washington among the hun- District Court panel in a dreds of persons questioned packed room in the New Orby the Warren Commission, leans Criminal Court Buildwhich concluded that Oswald ever questioned Russo.

Feb. 24 in Louisiana, Russo connection with Garrison's indid not mention the Septem-vestigation and wrote Garrihe once heard Ferrie threaten to "get" Mr. Kennedy.

964 from Loyola University won't be long." of the South in New Orleans, they often visited at each oth- apparently the first time. er's home.

He said Ferrie was obsessed

with Mr. Kennedy.

clippings of the President and Russo to confine his testimony his picture," he said. "There to what he actually heard, and was always much talk and de- not to what he heard someone liberation."

At the September meeting, Russo said, he heard Ferrie the testimony on the grounds advise Shaw and Oswald that that it was all hearsay. three persons should be involved, one a "good shot", and turned down, Defense Attorthat one might have to be sac- ney William Wegmann said: rificed and the others should day of the killing.

He said such technical bal- on a fishing expedition.'

September meeting in Ferrie's listic subjects as "triangulation of crossfire" were dis-Oswald asked, "He's going cussed and Ferrie, a pilot, excaping by air.

Russo's revelation as Garrison's "confidential informant" came late in the morning sessions of the preliminary hearing before a three-judge ing.

In the Feb. 24 interview was the lone assassin of Mr. with the Baton Rouge State Kennedy. The FBI declined Times, Russo did not mention comment on whether it had anything about the 1963 meeting. He said he saw Ferrie's In a newspaper interview on picture in the newspaper in ber meeting, although he said son about a conversation he once had in which Ferrie allegedy told that "we will get Russo, who graduated in him (Mr. Kennedy) and it

Russo said then that he had old the court he met Ferrie forgotten the statement until at a Civil Air Patrol meeting he saw Ferrie's picture. Today n Kenner, La. He said he had he talked about the September known him since 1960 and (1963) meeting for what was

Cautioned by Judge

Presiding Judge Bernard J. "At his apartment, I saw Bagert repeatedly cautioned else say about a third person.

Shaw's lawyers objected to

When the objections were

"The Court is saying the be in the "public eye" on the preliminary hearing may be used by the State for going