

Shaw Trial Jury Hears Lee Oswald's Widow

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Lee Harvey Oswald's pretty Russian widow has contradicted the testimony of a key prosecution witness in Clay L. Shaw's trial for conspiracy to murder President John F. Kennedy.

Marina Oswald Porter denied in testimony yesterday that Oswald was a bearded beatnik.

"Tell me if you ever saw Lee Harvey Oswald with more beard than he has here," said defense lawyer F. Irvin Dymond in Criminal District Court as he showed her a picture of Oswald with a stubble of beard after his arrest in Dallas.

"That is more beard than I ever saw on him," said Mrs. Porter who remarried since Oswald's death.

Classed as Beatnik

Perry Raymond Russo had described Oswald as an unwashed, bearded beatnik who lived in New Orleans with David W. Ferrie, and had testified that he overheard Oswald, Ferrie and Shaw talk about the possibility of slaying Kennedy.

Shaw, 55, is charged with conspiring with Oswald and Ferrie to murder Kennedy. Shaw says he never even saw the other two men, both now dead.

The Warren Commission said Oswald, acting alone, shot Kennedy in Dallas Nov. 22, 1963, and it found no credible evidence of a conspiracy.

The Oswalds lived in New Orleans from May to late September 1963. Marina and her children then left for Irving, Tex., a Dallas suburb, to live with Mrs. Ruth Paine. Oswald then moved to Dallas.

Home Every Night

Marina, a slender blonde in a gray dress with a white collar, said yesterday Oswald was home nearly every night by 5:30 p.m. during their stay in New Orleans.

"Did he ever stay away from home nights while you lived in New Orleans?" asked Dymond.

"Only once when he spent the night in jail," she replied.

Oswald was jailed overnight after an uproar at a midtown street corner over his efforts to hand out "Hands Off Cuba" leaflets.

"Was he at any time rooming with anyone else or sharing an apartment with anyone else?" asked Dymond.

"No, sir."



MARINA OSWALD PORTER

On cross-examination, she testified Oswald seldom gave her more than a dollar, handled all the money himself, had few friends and didn't seem to want any, and seldom talked to her.

"As a matter of fact, he rarely told you at any time what he was doing, is that correct?" asked Asst. Dist. Atty. James Alcock.

"Yes, sir."

"Could you speak English when you lived in New Orleans?"

"No, sir."

Ballistics Man Testifies

Robert Frazier, an FBI ballistics expert from Washington who aided in the Warren Commission investigation, was on the stand yesterday when testimony ended. He remained on recall today.

Frazier said the bullet that hit Kennedy in the head sprayed blood and tissue as far forward as the hood ornament of the long presidential limousine.

Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison contends Kennedy came under a cross fire set up by conspirators — and that the bullet that hit the President in the head came from in front.