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RUSSO STATE'S NEXT WITNESS

Expected to Take Stand
Today in Shaw Trial

The trial of Clay L. Shaw is scheduled to resume at 9 a. m. Monday in the Criminal District Court building, Tulane and Broad.

Perry Raymond Russo, 26, Garrison's controversial star witness who has testified earlier that he attended a party in 1963 at which the proposed assassination of the late President John F. Kennedy was discussed, is expected to take the stand.

Russo says Shaw was one of the plotters.

Shaw has been accused by Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison of conspiring in the assassination, along with Lee Harvey Oswald and David W. Ferrie.

The defense says Shaw, 55, a
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retired businessman, "never even laid eyes on these two." other men to murder Kennedy.

Oswald, whom the Warren Commission found to be the sole assassin, was gunned down in Dallas, Tex., on Nov. 24, 1963, two days after the Kennedy murder. Ferrie died here in early 1967, shortly after the DA's investigation became public.

Monday will be the fourth day of actual testimony in the case and Garrison's chief prosecutor, James L. Alcock, said as court adjourned Saturday, "Perry Raymond Russo is our next witness."

During testimony Friday and Saturday, Charles I. Spiesel, a New York accountant, told of still another 1963 party purportedly laced with assassination talk and allegedly attended by Shaw and Ferrie.

Jury, judge, lawyers and defendant trailed Spiesel Saturday in the French Quarter, but found only a place "similar" to the one he told about.

Russo, a book salesman, testified at a 1967 preliminary hearing that he listened to Shaw laying plans with two

The other two, Russo said, were Oswald and Ferrie. Ferrie was a former airline pilot.

Russo recalled details of what the state says was a murder plot after he underwent hypnosis to freshen his memory. His testimony, on the basis of Garrison's opening statement, forms the core of the state's case.

Russo will be the 16th prosecution witness.