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Andrews 2nd lead

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NEW ORLEANS AP - Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's charge that lawyer Dean Andrews lied to the grand jury when questioned about figures in the Kennedy assassination plot probe went to the jury Sunday night.

The five-man jury began deliberations on the perjury case after the state argued that Andrews "tried to play games" with the grand jury and wound up trapped in lies.

The trial was before a five-man jury because the charge was a high misdemeanor under Louisiana law. Twelve-member juries are reserved for felony cases.

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NEW ORLEANS AP - The state told the jury Sunday that Dean Andrews "tried to play games" with the grand jury in the Kennedy assassination probe and wound up trapped in lies.

In final arguments before the perjury trial went to the Orleans Parish Criminal District Court jury, the prosecution said all Andrews had to do was tell the truth-but that he tried to cover up.

Defense lawyer Harry Burglass said what the state was really indicating to Andrews was: "Tell us what we want to hear, Dean, and then it's all right."

Andrews, a 44-year-old lawyer who once advised Lee Harvey Oswald on some minor legal matters, was cited on five counts of perjury-primarily because he said he could not identify Clay Shaw as the mysterious Clay Bertrand.

Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison contends that Shaw, a 54-year-old wealthy retired New Orleans businessman, used the name Bertrand as an alias during a conspiracy to murder President John F. Kennedy.

The defense rested its case after simply playing the tape recording of the questioning of Andrews during his March 16 appearance.

The recording lasted an hour and a half, presenting a vivid picture of persistent interrogation and Andrews' sometimes confusing, slangy speech. The defense contended no lie was proven.

"He told them the truth," said Bruglass. "But he's got a jivey way of doing it. He told them Clay Shaw was not Clay Bertrand, but they say he lied.

The district attorney didn't like it because Andrews did not connect Clay Shaw with Clay Bertrand."

"Most of us live humdrum lives," Burglass added. "But something exciting happened to Dean-Bertrand. Up until that time, he didn't have an enemy in the world. He was on TV, he was here, he was there. He got swirled up into something a lot bigger than anything he had ever dreamed."

Asst. Dist. Atty. James L. Alcock told the jury that a desire for attention was not an excuse for lying to the grand jury trying to find if there was a conspiracy to kill the president.

Alcock emphasized that Andrews at his ~~second~~ grand jury appearance, identified Bertrand as Eugene Davis, a French Quarter bar owner-and when asked why he hadn't said so before, replied:

~~"So I lied. So I committed perjury. I don't know what I said."~~

The recording of the first grand jury session with Andrews included questioning about the first time he met Clay Bertrand-the man he says telephoned him the day after the Kennedy assassination to request that he represent Oswald in Dallas.

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NEW ORLEANS AP - The defense abruptly rested its case after the jury listened intently to the "hot record" Sunday of Dean Andrews' testimony to the grand jury which indicted him for perjury in the Kennedy assassination plot probe.



Voice tapes of Andrews' replies to interrogation were played despite state objections after Criminal Dist. Court Judge Frank J. Shea denied the defense motion for a directed verdict of acquittal.

The trial lasted through the day with both sides presenting final arguments to the jury.

Defense attorney Harry Burglass demanded that the jury hear voice recordings of Andrews' testimony even though transcripts of the Orleans Parish grand jury hearing last April 16 had been read to the court.

"Appellate courts have described written transcription as a cold record," said Burglass. He disdainfully shook the indictment, an eight-foot length of typed pages glued together which contain the written record of testimony.

"We want the tape played for the jury so members can get the full impact of the atmosphere, to give the jury the full impact of the basis of this thing here," he said.

Judge Shea ruled the tape could be played but added, "I'm not going to stop this trial while they look for the tape." Burglass countered, "I cannot proceed, your honor, because I would have to present my testimony out of order."

"We're going to proceed," ordered the judge.

The tape, which ran an hour and a half, contained constant questioning by Asst. Dist. Atty. Richard Burnes on the same topics but from different approaches.

Andrews, 44, a lawyer, was asked about the time he first met Clay Bertrand, a man the state contends is actually Clay L. Shaw, the wealthy New Orleans businessman charged with conspiring to assassinate President John F. Kennedy.

"You expect me to remember now about things that happened in 1957. There was nothing at that time to fix it in my memory. He was just somebody I met," replied Andrews.

Andrews was questioned about the day Lee Harvey Oswald - the man named by the Warren Commission as President Kennedy's assassin - walked into his law office to consult him about some minor legal matters.

"Just my bad luck the cat walked into my office," answered Andrews, a short, round man who wears sunglasses and talks jive.

"Of all the offices, he has to walk into mine. I've been hounded since 1963, when I told the Warren Commission about it, by experts, quasi-experts, and writers, and reporters, and the feebies, and you."

"And I done my best to cooperate with all these people, although I really don't know a lot of things they ask. But now I'm getting gun-shy."

Burnes asked Andrews about a statement he made that he didn't believe Oswald shot President Kennedy.

Andrews: "That was just my opinion."

Burnes: "Do you know?" meaning who shot the president.

Andrews disgustedly: "Do I know? Oh, man, don't be facetious. If I knew I would have put down like a thousand pound canary. I like this country, too, you know."

The tape of Andrews' testimony was played after the defense and Judge Shea argued whether to proceed with the hearing until an "instanter" subpoena could be served to obtain the recording. The tape was not readily available because the clerk of court's office was closed. A Sunday session of court was highly unusual. No courthouse buff could recall one, and the judge had to check the law books to find out if were legal.

Burglass stressed that proceedings with the case "causes me to present my case out of order."

Obviously irritated, Judge Shea called a long recess. When court finally reconvened, with the jury still out of the room, the defense called Hugh Ainsworth of Houston, Tex., a correspondent for Newsweek magazine. Ainsworth testified about his interview with Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison the day after Shaw was arrested.

"I asked Garrison, what part does Dean Andrews play in this? What does he know?" said Ainsworth.

"Garrison told me, 'Andrews doesn't know anything but he's been bull----- me for weeks now and I'm going to get him, or fix him.' Or something like that. Andrews was arrested that same day."

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