

Hypnosis Used on Russo

NEW ORLEANS — (AP) — Perry R. Russo, 25, a state witness in District Attorney Jim Garrison's assassination conspiracy case against Clay Shaw, testified today that he had been hypnotized three times in the office of the Orleans Parish (county) coroner.

Despite intensive questioning by Shaw's attorney, Russo said he could not remember the exact days the hypnosis took place. Russo denied that he was ever under hypnosis during his testimony thus far in the preliminary hearing for Shaw which started Tuesday.

Garrison has accused Shaw of conspiring with Lee Harvey Oswald and David W.

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Ferrie in mid-September 1963 to assassinate President Kennedy.

Garrison has said the conspiracy talk in Ferrie's apartment was heard by a "confidential informant" who repeated the information after being given a truth serum in the coroner's office. Presumably the informant is Russo, because he has testified to hearing such a conversation.

F. Irvin Dymond, a defense attorney cross-examining Russo, asked the witness if he had ever been hypnotized.

"Yes, sir," Russo replied.

Q. By whom?
A. Dr. Fatter. (Dr. Esmond Fatter is a private physician associated with the coroner's office.)

Q. Were you hypnotized on March 1?

A. I don't remember.

Q. Did you ever hear of post hypnotic suggestion?

A. Yes.

Q. What did Dr. Fatter tell you to do after you came out of hypnosis?

A. He said to come out with a smile on my face.

Russo said the hypnosis occurred between Feb. 24 and March 13.

Shaw, former managing director of the International Trade Mart here, was arrested

ed by Garrison March 1 and booked on a conspiracy charge. Purpose of the preliminary hearing is to find out if Garrison's case against Shaw is strong enough to go to trial.

Dymond asked the young insurance salesman if he had been aware that Ferrie was arrested shortly after the Kennedy assassination.

A. No sir.

Q. Did David Ferrie ever mention the assassination of President Kennedy?

A. No sir. After the assassination there was a blank spot. I didn't see Ferrie for a while. For about seven or eight months I didn't see Dave Ferrie.

Q. How many times did you see Ferrie between the assassination of President Kennedy and the death of Ferrie?

A. Four, five, six times or so. He seemed to me a broken man after that. I don't know why. But he seemed like a broken man. He talked about the district attorney's office a few times. He was starting to build up antagonism to the police.

Dymond asked Russo why he didn't question Ferrie about the alleged assassination plot.

A. It was typical of Dave as a walking encyclopedia. You didn't ask questions. He knew it all.

Jury Hears Oswald Ex-Counsel

District Attorney in suburban Jefferson Parish.

A subpoena was also issued for Gordon Novel to appear before the grand jury. Novel, who owns the Jamaican Village, a bar on the fringe of the French Quarter, had not previously been linked with the case.

NEW ORLEANS — (AP) — Dean Andrews Jr., an attorney who says he once handled some legal matters for Lee Harvey Oswald, appeared before the Orleans Parish grand jury today for the second time in connection with the District Attorney's probe of the Kennedy assassination.

Andrews was asked by a newsman if he knew why he had been summoned by the Grand Jury a second time. He shook his head but did not reply.

"What are you supposed to know?" he was asked.

"I wish I knew," he replied.

Meanwhile, Andrews was suspended as an Assistant

Mystery Girl in JFK Quiz

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NEW ORLEANS — A mysterious Alabama girl named "Sandra Moffett" is the focus of a nationwide search today by defense lawyers determined to show the New

Orleans "Kennedy Assassination" plot is a judicial farce. They believe she can tell whether Lee Harvey Oswald's alleged presence at a post-midnight "plot party" is pure myth or truth.

Sandra Moffett became a vital witness when Perry

Russo testified she was the only woman at a party where Oswald, Ferrie and Shaw, a retired businessman, schemed to direct a "triangulation of crossfire" at President Kennedy.

Russo said Sandra left the

party before the talk of killing the President began. But Shaw's lawyers believe she may be able to state whether the whiskery, sullen, dirty clothes beatnik Russo said was Oswald also looked like a presidential killer to her.