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NEW ORLEANS (AP)--HYPNOTISM WAS FATED TO PLAY A ROLE AT THE TRIAL EVER SINCE CLAY L. SHAW WAS CHARGED WITH CONSPIRING TO ASSASSINATE PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY.

THE ISSUE OF HYPNOTISM POPPED UP DURING DEFENSE LAWYER F. IRVIN DYMOND'S CROSS EXAMINATION OF PROSECUTION WITNESS CHARLES I. SPIESEL, 50, A NEW YORK ACCOUNTANT.

YET TO COME: PERRY RAYMOND RUSSO, 26, A STATE WITNESS WITH HIS MEMORY "HYPNOTICALLY REFRESHED."

ASST. DIST. ATTY. JAMES L. ALCOCK SAID THE SECOND WEEK OF TESTIMONY, OPENING TODAY, WOULD INCLUDE RUSSO.

ALCOCK SPENT THREE DAYS AT THE CROWDED, HEAVILY GUARDED CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT LAST WEEK LAYING GROUNDWORK FOR RUSSO'S APPEARANCE.

IT WAS RUSSO, A NEW ORLEANS BOOK SALESMAN, WHO TOLD SHAW'S THREE-JUDGE PRELIMINARY HEARING IN 1967 THAT HE OVERHEARD SHAW, LEE HARVEY OSWALD AND DAVID W. FERRIE PLOTTING TO KILL KENNEDY.

THE PRESIDENT WAS SLAIN IN DALLAS NOV. 22, 1963, A FEW WEEKS AFTER THE TIME OF THE NEW ORLEANS CONSPIRACY OUTLINED BY RUSSO.

THE WARREN COMMISSION REPORT ON THE ASSASSINATION NAMED OSWALD, A FORMER NEW ORLEANS RESIDENT, THE KILLER. IT SAID HE OPERATED ALONE. IT SAID THERE WAS NO CREDIBLE EVIDENCE OF A CONSPIRACY.

IN READING THE OPENING STATEMENT, DIST. ATTY. JIM GARRISON SAID THE TRIAL OF SHAW, A 55-YEAR-OLD RETIRED BUSINESSMAN, WOULD SHOW MORE THAN ONE GUNNER SHOT THE PRESIDENT.

AFTER OPENING THE CASE, THE 6-FOOT-6 DISTRICT ATTORNEY TURNED PROSECUTION OVER TO ALCOCK. HE FIRST CONCENTRATED ON ATTACKING A DEFENSE POSITION THAT SHAW NEVER SO MUCH AS LAID EYES ON EITHER OSWALD OR FERRIE, BOTH NOW DEAD.

SPIESEL TESTIFIED HE MET FERRIE, A ONE-TIME AIRLINES PILOT, AT A BAR HERE IN JUNE 1963--AND THAT FERRIE TOOK HIM TO A PARTY, INTRODUCING THE HOST AS CLAY SHAW.

PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S NAME CAME UP DURING PARTY CONVERSATION, SPIESEL RECALLED, WITH MOST OF THOSE PRESENT SAYING HE SHOULD BE KILLED.

ALCOCK HAD RUSSO SCHEDULED FOR TESTIMONY SATURDAY. DYMOND PREFERRED TO HOLD ONTO SPIESEL, A SMALL BALD MAN WEARING DOUBLEBREASTED BLUE PINSTRIPES, SILVER TIE AND A GENTLE SMILE.

OVER ALCOCK'S OBJECTIONS, DYMOND QUESTIONED SPIESEL ABOUT LAWSUITS IN WHICH HE CHARGED HE WAS FREQUENTLY AND UNWILLINGLY HYPNOTIZED AND HELD UNDER HYPNOTIC ILLUSIONS.

ONE LAWSUIT READ TO THE JURY BY DYMOND ACCUSED VARIOUS DEFENDANTS OF USING "A NEW POLICE TECHNIQUE TO TORTURE THE PLAINTIFF MENTALLY" IN NEW YORK, NEW ORLEANS, PHILADELPHIA, WASHINGTON, NEW JERSEY AND OTHER POINTS.

"WHAT ARE HYPNOTIC ILLUSIONS?" ASKED DYMOND. THE WITNESS REPLIED THAT IT INVOLVED THE PLANTING OF CERTAIN THOUGHTS--BUT SAID HE DIDN'T WANT TO GO INTO IT BECAUSE THE SUIT WAS STILL PENDING AND IT MIGHT JEOPARDIZE HIS CASE.

DYMOND THEN REQUESTED THAT SPIESEL BE FORCED TO SHOW THE JURY WHERE THE 1963 PARTY TOOK PLACE.

SPIESEL LED THE JUDGE, JURY, LAWYERS AND SPECTATORS TO A FRENCH QUARTER INTERSECTION ON AN APARTMENT HUNT. BACK ON THE WITNESS STAND, HE SAID HE FOUND A BUILDING "SIMILAR" BUT COULDN'T BE POSITIVE.

RUSSO'S PRELIMINARY HEARING TESTIMONY, ON WHICH THE CONSPIRACY CHARGE WAS BASED, ALSO DEALT WITH A PARTY. IT WAS AT FERRIE'S APARTMENT IN MIDDLE OR LATE SEPTEMBER, 1963, HE SAID, THAT HE OVERHEARD THE PLOTTING TO KILL KENNEDY.

AT THE TIME, RUSSO TESTIFIED HE DIDN'T RECALL DETAILS ABOUT THE PARTY UNTIL A HYPNOTIST PROVIDED BY GARRISON ENABLED HIM TO RE-LIVE THE EVENT.

OF THE 14 WITNESSES WHO PRECEDED SPIESEL, ONE SAID HE SAW SHAW, FERRIE AND OSWALD TOGETHER IN CLINTON, LA., IN THE SUMMER OF 1963. ANOTHER SAID HE SAW SHAW MEET OSWALD HERE SOMETIME IN JUNE, 1963.

IN WASHINGTON, A COURT HEARING WILL BE HELD FRIDAY ON GARRISON SUBPOENAS FOR THE SECRET KENNEDY AUTOPSY REPORT, THE CLOTHING THE PRESIDENT WAS WEARING WHEN HE WAS SHOT, AND OSWALD'S RIFLE.

GARRISON SAID HE NEEDED THE ITEMS, HELD IN THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES, AS EVIDENCE AT SHAW'S TRIAL.

THE CONSPIRACY CHARGE CARRIES A MAXIMUM PUNISHMENT OF ONE TO 20 YEARS.

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