

# TRUTH SERUM AND HYPNOTISM

## *Used on JFK 'Plot' Witness*



### **Witness for Prosecution.**

Star witness Perry Russo (c.) is escorted to court in New Orleans for yesterday's session of preliminary hearing on the JFK assassination probe being conducted by DA Jim Garrison; Russo testified that Garrison had had him hypnotized two or three times while he underwent questioning. — Story on page 2

(Associated Press Wirefoto)

# Used Truth Serum on Russo

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New Orleans, March 16—Coroner Nicholas J. Chetta testified today that he had used truth serum as well as hypnosis in questioning Perry Russo about his story that he heard Lee Harvey Oswald conspire with others to kill President Kennedy.

Chetta, a nationally known pathologist, told the three-judge panel conducting a preliminary hearing here that he had interrogated Russo six times while Russo was in a trance from the truth serum, sodium pentathol, or from hypnosis.

There was a strong implication that Russo, 25, a Baton Rouge insurance salesman, had not only repeated his story of the plot while in the trances, but had given even more detail than he had been able to while fully conscious.

The court adjourned until tomorrow in the midst of a legal argument on whether the coroner could quote what Russo said while in trances.

### Witness Is Unshaken

Businessman Clay Shaw, 54, is accused of taking part in the asserted plot with Oswald and an

ex-pilot, David Ferrie, now dead. The two-day cross-examination of Shaw's accuser, Russo, ended this afternoon with Russo unshaken.

The judges still had to decide whether there was enough evidence against Shaw to warrant a trial. But the defense certainly had not cracked Russo when he stepped down.

Chetta took the stand next. Although a state witness, he had clashed with Garrison about three weeks ago over the death of Ferrie. The coroner gave a verdict of death from natural causes, whereas Garrison insisted it was suicide.



(Associated Press Wirephoto) Subject of sketch was identified by Perry Russo as Lee Harvey Oswald.

Chetta testified that the sodium pentathol had been injected into Russo at a New Or-

## Oswald Not Solo: Cushing

Boston, March 16 (UPI)—Cardinal Cushing—in a news conference announcing his retirement in 1970—said today he "never believed" President Kennedy's assassination was the act of one man.

"I believe they should follow it through," Cushing said of an investigation by New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison into an alleged plot to kill Kennedy.

Cushing set his retirement date at Aug. 24, 1970, his 75th birthday and the 25th anniversary of his becoming archbishop of Boston.



Perry Russo. A better day on stand

leans hospital and that in his opinion the results showed that Russo was sane when he first told of the alleged conspiracy and that he was sane now.

"He fulfills all the requirements of legal sanity," the pathologist said. He said that Russo was neither disoriented nor hallu-

inating. His behavior, the coroner said, was that of a very rational, controlled and well-disciplined person. Chetta said he was satisfied that Russo had not faked his trances.

Describing the truth drug, Chetta said it was used as an

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## La. Official Called Perjurer



Dean Andrews Jr., indicted in probe, at court yesterday.

New Orleans, March 16 (Special)—Dean A. Andrews Jr., an assistant district attorney in suburban Jefferson Parish (County), was indicted for perjury here tonight in connection with the investigation into the assassination of President Kennedy.

The indictment was handed up to Criminal Judge Thomas M. Brahey Jr. by the Orleans Parish grand jury that is conducting a probe into the asserted plot.

The grand jury probe parallels the court hearing going on here to determine whether retired New Orleans businessman Clay Shaw is to be brought to trial for complicity in the alleged conspiracy.

Andrews, who was suspended from his Jefferson Parish post today, was a puzzling figure in the Warren Commission investigation into the assassination.

Andrews testified to a Warren Commission lawyer that one "Clay Bertrand" had contacted him after the assassination and

asked him to defend Lee Harvey Oswald.

Perry Russo, Baton Rouge insurance salesman, has testified before the court hearing on Shaw that he knew Shaw as Clem Bertrand.

Andrews was subpoenaed by New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison, who initiated both the grand jury probe and the court hearing. Also subpoenaed by Garrison was Gordon Novel, 29, a local bar owner who is reportedly a friend of Andrews.

Novel said before entering the jury room that Garrison wanted to question him about Sergio Aracha Smith, a former anti-Castro Cuban exile leader who moved from New Orleans to Dallas in 1962.

## Senate OKs Consular Pact

Washington, March 16 (NEWS Bureau)—The Senate today ratified by a 66-28 vote the controversial consular convention with the Soviet Union—a cornerstone of President Johnson's "bridge-building" policy toward the Communist bloc.

The final dramatic roll call was just three votes more than the necessary two-thirds majority. Only the formality of the President's signature is required to put the pact in force.

Johnson promptly praised the "strong bipartisan leadership" and "responsible action" of the Senate.

All New York area lawmakers except Sen. Thomas J. Dodd (D-Conn.) voted for the agreement.

### Bipartisan Vote

On the final roll call, 22 Republicans joined 44 Democrats for ratification.

An effective selling job in Re-

**Ted Lewis tells how hawks and doves got scrambled on the final vote, in his Capitol Staff column, page 4.**

publican ranks by Sen. Thruston Morton (Ky.), an assistant secretary of state in the Eisenhower Administration, and Minority Leader Everett Dirksen (Ill.), who had been cool to the treaty until recently, helped put it over.

In his closing speech against the pact, Sen. Karl E. Mundt (R-S.D.) said the Senate was being

asked to "kiss the hand of Russia diplomatically and kiss the Russian ruble economically."

The treaty would provide consular employees with the same unrestricted immunity from criminal prosecution that embassy personnel now enjoy and assure increased protection for each country's nationals. It would not in itself establish any consulate.

### Larger Gainer

Since more Americans visit the Soviet Union than Russians travel to the U.S., this country would be the larger gainer on this point, the State Department had argued.

Since Johnson's New York speech last October advocating building bridges of cooperation with Communist Eastern Europe, the Soviets have accepted an outer space arms ban treaty and airline and cultural agreements. They have indicated an interest in a nonproliferation pact and a willingness to discuss missile weapons reduction.

The consular treaty was signed June 1, 1964, and kept on file for nearly three years because the Administration did not think the time for Senate approval was ripe.

—Charles Rabo

## Active Market Hits A New High for Year

The stock market bolted to new high ground for 1967 yesterday in busy trading that got better and better throughout the day.

The Dow Jones industrial average scored a 14.43 point gain to close at 868.49, well above the 860 figure that security analysts were calling a "resistance level." It was the largest jump since last Oct. 12.

### Big Day for Blue Chips

The advance was sparked by blue chips which had their best day in many months. Only one stock that makes up the D-J in-

dex went down, and that one—Chrysler—only lost 1/4 of a point. Volume climbed to 12.1 million, versus Wednesday's 10.8 million.

Some of the credit for the gain was given to the impact of the lowered British bank rate, setting off speculation that the Federal Reserve Board might slice the discount rate.

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## DAILY ALMANAC

FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 1967  
U. S. WEATHER BUREAU FORECAST  
MOSTLY CLOUDY, WINDY, COLD  
Chance of light snow flurries in the morning; becoming fair and quite cold at night. Temperature range 22-36; winds north to northwest at 15-25 m.p.h. with higher gusts, diminishing to 15-20 m.p.h. at night. Tomorrow, fair and cold.

THE MOON  
Mar. 10 New Mar. 19 First Q. Mar. 25 Full Apr. 1 Last Q.

Eastern Standard Time  
Sunrise 6:05 A.M.; sunset 6:05 P.M.  
Moon rises 9:05 P.M.; sets —. Morning stars: Mars; evening stars: Venus, Jupiter, Saturn.

TODAY'S FORECAST

DETROIT 22-28 ALBANY 22-32 BOSTON 22-32  
CLEVELAND 22-32 BUFFALO 22-32  
PITTSBURGH 22-32 NEW YORK 22-36  
COLUMBUS 22-32 PHILADELPHIA 22-32  
ELKINS 22-32 WASHINGTON 22-32  
ROANOKE 22-32

TEMPERATURES IN NEW YORK  
Max. 32 at 1:35 P.M.; Min. 22 at 11 P.M.  
Highest this date, 77 in 1955  
Lowest this date, 13 in 1911

1 a.m.	29	9 a.m.	28	5 p.m.	30
2 a.m.	28	10 a.m.	28	6 p.m.	29
3 a.m.	28	11 a.m.	28	7 p.m.	27
4 a.m.	29	Noon	29	8 p.m.	25
5 a.m.	28	1 p.m.	30	9 p.m.	24
6 a.m.	28	2 p.m.	32	10 p.m.	23
7 a.m.	27	3 p.m.	32	11 p.m.	22
8 a.m.	27	4 p.m.	31	Midnight	22

For 24 hours ended at 3 P.M., March 16.  
Mean temperature, 30; normal, 41; average above normal since March 1, 1.5 degree.

PRECIPITATION  
Yesterday, .39 inch; total since Jan. 1, 8.23 inches. Total this date, 1966, 8.15 inches.

HUMIDITY  
86% at 8 A.M.; 86% at 10 P.M.

HOW THE WEATHERMAN DID  
Yesterday's Forecast Was:  
Mostly cloudy, windy, cold;  
temperature range 26-34.

MARCH 1967

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PALM SPRING	20	SPRING	22	23	GOOD FRIDAY	25
EASTER SUNDAY	27	28	29	30	31	

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# Truth Serum Given Russo, Coroner Says

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the MCTA plan would enable Grumman to continue using the Calverton facility and even expand its own operation, a Grumman official said: "We feel we cannot coexist on a common site with a major jetport facility."

When asked about opposition of the Suffolk County Board of Supervisors, Rockefeller said: "I think they're concerned with Grumman Aircraft. If we make a solution suitable to Grumman, then I think you'll remove their major concern."

Ronan said the Authority plan, which calls for Calverton to

adjourned with the point unresolved.

Earlier, Russo had told of being hypnotized after he told Garrison's investigators about the asserted conspiracy.

He calmly denied, however, that he was or had been under hypnosis while testifying. He denied also that he had attempted suicide while in high school. He said also that he had been given no role in the purported plot nor had participated in any discussions about it.

Before defense attorney Irvin Dymond let Russo go, he took the witness once more through his story of hearing a plot discussed in Ferrie's apartment in September, 1963.

Russo added more details as he repeated his testimony that Ferrie had talked of catching Kennedy in a crossfire and of "sacrificing one plotter to the police so that the others could escape."

Russo testified that the plotters did not say who would be sacrificed and did not describe the role each participant would play.

"I didn't get the impression that all three would actively participate," he said.

Again asked by Dymond why he had not come forward with his story before, Russo replied that he was "no authority" on the assassination. He said he was only 22 at the time and not prepared to fight the federal government, which was satisfied that Oswald had acted alone. "I was just a voice in the wilderness," he said.

It was after Garrison told newsmen that Ferrie was involved that he decided "I might be able to help, since I knew Ferrie and something of his friends."

Russo said that after the Garrison probe began, he identified Shaw through a one-way mirror in the DA's office.

"What part were you to play in the assassination?" Dymond asked. "I had no part, nothing," Russo replied.

"Had you said that you wanted to see President Kennedy killed?"

"I never said that," Russo answered.

## Claims Photo Evidence

New Orleans, March 16 (Special) — A Boston dishwasher was due here tonight, reportedly to tell District Attorney Garrison about a photo showing Lee Harvey Oswald, Jack Ruby and Perry Russo talking together in Ruby's Dallas night club.

The dishwasher, Arthur Edward Strout, 28, said before leaving Boston by plane this afternoon: "Mr. Garrison has the picture now." But Garrison's office denied this. Garrison paid for Strout's flight here, however.

aid in psychiatric diagnosis. "Sodium pentathol removes any mental blocks an individual may have and permits him to recall and recount" his experiences. "They must have lived those experiences," he added, and "they do it rather easily and vividly." He said hypnosis has the same effect on recall as sodium pentathol.

The implication that Russo had told even more about the alleged plot while in the trances, came when Assistant District Attorney Al Oser asked the coroner if the drug could bring out specific details, including dates, names and locations that would not be remembered without the drug's aid.

At this point, the hassle arose as to whether the coroner could answer the question and the court