



munists gained entrance to his home and hypnotized him while "disguised as relatives."

The court might well have spent its time better with a few more questions to Mr. Lewis Hopkins, Manager, Travel Consultants, Inc., New Orleans, Louisiana, regarding his association with Lee Harvey Oswald and Clay Shaw.

The New Orleans States Item for Thursday, February 13, 1969, page 6, column 1:

"... also testifying this morning was Lewis Hopkins, a travel consultant for Shaw, who testified he sold Shaw railroad tickets to the Pacific Coast in November of 1963. Shaw had said he was in San Francisco on the day of the assassination. Hopkins said Shaw prefers to travel by rail rather than by air. An itinerary was introduced into evidence showing Shaw was routed from New Orleans to San Francisco to Chicago and back to New Orleans. There was nothing unusual about the travel arrangements, Hopkins testified."

In Volume 26, page 29, of the Commission Documents: On December 3rd and 4th, 1963, the F.B.I. took statements from Lewis Hopkins, Manager, Travel Consultants, Inc., International Trade Mart, 124 Camp Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. Mr. Hopkins stated that on September 17, 1959, he booked passage for Lee Harvey Oswald on a Lykes Steamship Company vessel from New Orleans to LeHavre, France.

Mr. Hopkins is certainly in a respected profession and is a stable member of the community. He was manager of Travel Consultants in 1963 and is still employed by the firm.

We wonder why no questions were asked of Mr. Hopkins regarding Oswald's visit in 1959. Was anyone with Oswald on that occasion? Had he written to the agency from Ft. Worth or California prior to the visit? Did Mr. Hopkins make any travel arrangements for Mr. Shaw during that period?