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They Shall Not Escape !

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The impact of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to refuse Clay Shaw's appeal for "sanctuary" will be momentous, even though the scurvy news media once again are on the soft pedal. The shock waves generated by that historic ruling will travel far and wide, and deep into the future. The year 2039 now is just around the corner. It will be a long, long year and before it has run its course, all the participants in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy will indeed be dead - mostly not from natural causes.

What is really so important about the brief order of Dec. 9 by which the Supreme Court affirmed a ruling of the U.S. District Court in New Orleans (see TL, Vol. I, No. 1) denying Shaw's petition for an injunction to stop the prosecution is not that it opens the way for the much-delayed trial to take place at last. That is important, too, but another consideration is paramount.

For, what this order really does is to mark the final, irreparable destruction of the Warren Report. There is no need to underline the supreme historical irony of the Warren Court stepping so hard on the toes of the Warren Commission.

Nor is there any mistaking this true significance of the Supreme Court decision. In their appeal to the high bench, Shaw's lawyers had charged specifically that New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison "did not expect to obtain a valid conviction" but was using the case to provide "a judicial forum for his attacks on the Warren Commission." And they had explicitly asked the Supreme Court for a ruling to the effect that the Warren Report shall be considered "valid, accurate, binding and controlling upon all courts in the United States."

This was the real underlying purpose of the lawyers' move from the State's into federal jurisdiction. They hoped to obtain from the high court a solemn affirmation that the Warren Report, issued over the signature of the Chief Justice of the United States, was in effect equal to a Supreme Court decision and could not be challenged by a lower bench.