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Shaw Case

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 17 (UPD) — The state indicated today it will close out its trial-within-a-trial of the Warren Commission and its assassination conspiracy case against Clay L. Shaw this week with the climatic testimony of former Gov. and Mrs. John B. Connally of Texas.

The Connallys were riding in front of President John F. Kennedy and his wife in the jump-seats of the presidential limousine Nov. 22, 1963, and Gov. Connally was seriously wounded in the brief burst of shots that killed Mr. Kennedy.

They were subpoenaed to testify today and were

ready to fly here from Houston, but the prosecution advised them yesterday it would not be able to get to them "because of holdover witnesses" unable to appear earlier.

It seemed apparent that Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison wanted to rest his case against Mr. Shaw, which he is winding up with a courtroom effort to prove the Warren report wrong, right after a Connally climax.

Mr. Shaw, 55, retired managing director of the International Trade Mart here, is accused of conspiring with Lee Harvey Oswald and David W. Ferrie in September, 1963, to murder Mr. Kenne-

dy. He is not charged with murder, only with plotting.

The trial will be recessed tomorrow for the annual carnival of Mardi Gras.

Today opened the fifth trial week. For the last three trial days, Mr. Shaw's name has not been mentioned. The state has brought on, in what the law calls its right to "overprove" its case, witnesses who saw the Dallas murder, or were on the scene, in an attempt to show the Warren report was wrong in saying Oswald alone killed President Kennedy.

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