

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY NOVEMBER 22, 1963, DALLAS, TEXAS



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James Alcock, left, chief prosecutor in the Clay Shaw trial, and the trial judge, Edward Haggerty.

Gov. Connally Called by Defense

Shaw Prosecution 'Rests'

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 20 (UPI) — Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison today rested his case against Clay L. Shaw, charged with plotting to kill President John F. Kennedy, and the defense immediately moved to have the case dropped and Shaw freed.

Dist. Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr. recessed the trial until tomorrow after Mr. Garrison's chief prosecutor, James Alcock wound up 12 days of testimony by 43 witnesses by saying: "the state rests."

The Louisiana Supreme Court a few minutes earlier had refused to delay the trial while it considered Mr. Garrison's appeal of an angry ruling by Judge Haggerty yesterday.

The judge had refused to admit into evidence a 1967 fingerprint card listing Shaw's alias as "Clay Bertrand," and said he did not believe a police officer who said Shaw gave him that information himself.

Former Texas Gov. John B. Connally, who had been scheduled to testify for the prosecution — but was abruptly dismissed by Mr. Garrison as "a hostile witness," was subpoenaed by the defense today.

Gov. Connally testified in Houston where he said today he was surprised to

no opinion on Mr. Garrison's theory that Mr. Kennedy was killed by a conspiracy.

When Judge Haggerty, during his ruling, said he doubted "very much" that the fingerprinting policeman, Aloysius J. Habighorst, was telling the truth, there was an eruption of heated reaction.

James L. Alcock, the assistant district attorney who is the state's chief courtroom operative, shouted for a mistrial. The surprised judge quickly denied it.

When Mr. Alcock said he wanted a Supreme Court writ that would in effect reverse the judge, Mr. Haggerty told him to find a justice overnight by phone and apply for a trial directive. He added: "This case will proceed at 9 a.m. unless I am directed by the Supreme Court not to."

The state contends Mr. Shaw used the alias Clay or Clem Bertrand in conspiring in September, 1963, with Lee Harvey Oswald and David W. Ferrie to murder President John F. Kennedy. It produced a former FBI man who testified he searched in vain here right after the Kennedy assassination for a Clay Bertrand.

Yesterday, a former airline V.I.P. room hostess testified she had watched Mr. Shaw sign a guest register "Clay Bertrand" on Dec. 14, 1966. The

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