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Press Is Issued Strict Guides in Shaw Hearing

News men have been issued explicit guidelines to follow during their coverage of a preliminary hearing Tuesday for Clay L. Shaw, accused by District Attorney Jim Garrison of participating in a plot to murder President John F. Kennedy.

The rules for news media were issued yesterday by the three Criminal District Court judges who will preside over the hearing — Judge Bernard J. Bagert, Judge Malcolm V. O'Hara and Judge Matthew S. Braniff.

In announcing the guidelines, the judges said the principal concern is to afford the defendant a fair hearing.

ALL THREE judges signed the statement.

Rule I prohibits the use of any type of recording or photographic equipment within the courtroom and makes Criminal Sheriff Louis A. Heyd Jr. responsible for courtroom security.

Heyd, by rule II, is also responsible for directing courtroom seating.

THE JUDGES have decreed that all approaches to courtrooms, offices and other rooms in the courthouse premises shall be kept clear for the purpose of free access by those with business to transact.

No cameras or recording devices will be allowed within the courthouse premises before or during the trial or during any recess or adjournment.

The judges are not going to allow any sketches or drawings to be made within the courthouse premises of any persons attending or participating in the trial.

NO NEW teletype machines or telephone equipment can be installed.

The three judges have ordered all courthouse employees and all persons involved in the case not to make any statements of any kind about the case to any members of the press.

No release in the press of any kind is to be made until the case is concluded.

THE JUDGES said, "The news media are placed upon notice as to the impropriety of publishing in the proceedings. The news media must be content with the task of reporting the case as it unfolds in the courtroom—not pieced together from extra-judicial statements."

The court reporters have been forbidden to make available copies of the transcript to anyone except attorneys.

The attendance in the courtroom will be limited to seating accommodations only. No one will be permitted to stand.

NO ONE WILL be permitted to enter or leave the courtroom during the testimony of any witness or argument by any attorney. Entry and exit must be made during recesses or between the testimony of witnesses.

The judges have set aside a table for seven news media representatives. There seats will be reserved for the States-Item, The Times-Picayune, The Associated Press, United Press International and Channels 4, 6 and 12.

No other members of the news media will be admitted within the inner rail of the bar.

The judges have also made it clear that credentials for newsmen are not to be passed around. Credentials are not transferrable, they said, and any violation of this provision will result in loss of credentials.

Finally, the judges made it clear that no one is to handle the exhibits except persons authorized by the court.

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