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## Garrison to Seek Early Trial of Clay Shaw Case

Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison said Tuesday his office will set the presidential assassination conspiracy trial date of Clay L. Shaw early next week unless Shaw's lawyers appeal a Louisiana Supreme Court ruling.

The Louisiana Supreme Court April 23 said it would not review the denial of a change of venue ruling made by Criminal District Judge Edward A. Haggerty. Shaw's attorneys sought to have the trial moved out of Orleans Parish.

According to law, said Garrison, Shaw attorneys have 14 days in which to ask the Louisiana Supreme Court to reconsider its stand. If there is no appeal, when the 14 days are up—Tuesday—Garrison said his office will immediately move to set the trial date.

"We will set the trial at the

earliest possible date depending on court problems," said Garrison. "We are trying to push it to trial."

On other matters, Garrison would only say "no comment" to whether his office is following closely the independent investigation of the Martin Luther King assassination being conducted by reporter Louis E. Lomax, of the North American Newspaper Alliance.

He also confirmed that State Policeman Lt. Francis Krueger, cited by the legislative auditor's office for travel expense irregularities—worked for his office "for a short period." But he became indignant when questioned about what period of time he did such work.

"I don't see the connection," said Garrison, referring to working with his office and travel expense difficulties.

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