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TRIAL OF SHAW SET ON JUNE 11

But Defense Still to Seek Relief in U.S. Court

The district attorney's office in an unexpected move Wednesday set a June 11 trial date for Clay L. Shaw, who is charged with conspiracy in the death of President John F. Kennedy.

Assistant district attorney James L. Alcock made the announcement one day after Shaw's attorneys announced their intention to seek relief in the federal courts.

In his statement Alcock said that Shaw's attorneys have exhausted pre-trial actions and that federal courts have no jurisdiction over the matter.

Asked for his reaction to the date-setting, F. Irvin Dymond, one of Shaw's attorneys, said, "Well, that's their prerogative."

Dymond gave no estimate as to when the trial may actually begin. "As we said yesterday, we are going to seek relief in federal court and it will depend on the outcome of that," he said.

He also said that pleadings in federal court will speak for themselves.

Alcock's statement follows:

"Now that Mr. Shaw's defense attorneys have exhausted their pre-trial actions the law permits the state to set the case for trial. Today we have set the trial for Clay Shaw for June 11, 1968. The trial of this case has been delayed unduly long and it is our hope that we can go to trial on this date. The state is ready for trial and will oppose any more attempts to postpone the trial.

"The defense attorneys have stated that they intend to try to carry their pre-trial proceedings into federal court. Inasmuch as the federal courts have about as much jurisdiction over this case as the courts of England or of India, we see no basis for any additional delays of the trial on this account.

"Of course, there have been instances recently where the federal courts have assumed jurisdiction where, in our judgement, no basis for jurisdiction has existed. However, in view of the extensive efforts of the federal government to interfere with and obstruct our investigation of President Kennedy's assassination I am sure that no federal judge will allow this court to be used as a sanctuary for further delay."

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