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Shaw's Defense 'Ready to Go' for Jan. 21 Trial

An attorney for Clay L. Shaw said today the defense is "ready to go" and will seek no further delay in the Jan. 21 trial of Shaw on charges of conspiring to kill President John F. Kennedy.

"We are ready," said F. Irvin Dymond, counsel for the 55-year-old retired businessman who is accused by District Attorney Jim Garrison of plotting the President's assassination here in 1963.

GARRISON SAID earlier the state will be ready Jan. 21, the date set by the DA himself when a U.S. Supreme Court ruling cleared the way for the long-delayed trial. Dymond, along with Edward and William Wegmann, will handle Shaw's defense.

The attorney told the States-Item today he does have further pleadings to file in the case before Criminal District Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr. but "they will have no effect on the trial date."

DYMOND REFUSED to reveal the nature of the pleadings he will file.

Criminal Sheriff Louis A. Heyd said he will hold a news conference after the first of the year, to lay down security regulations for the trial.

He said elaborate security precautions are being arranged but would not say what they are because this would destroy their effectiveness, he explained.

No witnesses have been subpoenaed as yet either by the state or the defense. Reportedly, Garrison will have none of his witnesses under subpoena but standing by for call.

SHAW WAS arrested March 1, 1967, and booked under the state conspiracy statute. He was subsequently indicted and at a preliminary hearing, Perry Raymond Russo testified he heard Shaw plotting the assassination here in September, 1963, with Lee Harvey Oswald and others. President Kennedy was shot to death in Dallas Nov. 22, 1963.

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