Jurors' Pay Slows Start Of Shaw Tria

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Hard financial facts of life complicated the picking of a jury today in the trial of Clay Shaw, charged with conspiring to murder President John F. Kennedy.

The question was who could afford to be a juror. The trial, the prosecution said, could last up to two months, and jurors draw no pay from the state.

Just two prospective jurors met all tests at the opening session and were seated. Of 18 dismissed, about half were excused because their employer wouldn't continue their pay during jury confinement.

Criminal District Court Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr. repeatedly sent prospective jurors back to his quarters to telephone their employer to confirm the matter of pay.

Shaw, 55, chain-smoked as he watched the proceedings—and often gazed impassively into space. He was flanked by four defense lawyers, headed by F. Irvin Dymond.

The trial looms as the courtroom test of Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's claim that President Kennedy's assassination in Dallas Nov. 22, 1963, was done by a gang of conspirators—not just one lone sniper, as the Warren Commission found.

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