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State Scores 1st Point As Shaw Trial Begins

New Orleans, Jan. 21 (AP)—The state won the first legal wrangle today after outlining its case in the trial of Clay Shaw, charged with conspiring to murder President Kennedy.

Judge James A. Haggerty Jr. of Criminal District Court cited confusion in the law and ruled that the state did not have to accept a juror before passing him on to defense examination.

Chief defense lawyer F. Irvin Dymond promptly filed an exception as grounds for possible appeal.

Rigid security was imposed in the courtroom and outside the massive courts building as the long-delayed trial opened. A shotgun-toting deputy roamed the roof of the building. Inside, eight deputies ringed the crowded courtroom and a closed-circuit television camera scanned the area.

Shaw, 55, his crazy features

impassive, chain smoked and frequently donned horn-rimmed spectacles in studying defense documents. Under a court ruling, only principals in the case are allowed to smoke.

District Attorney Jim Garrison was not on hand for the start of the trial, the first legal showdown on his charge that the President was assassinated by a gang of conspirators, not killed by a lone sniper.

Assistant District Attorney James L. Alcock, designated by Garrison as prosecutor, questioned prospective jurors at length. Estimates of how long it would take to seat the jury ranged up to two weeks.

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