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NEW ORLEANS--DEFENSE AND PROSECUTION ATTORNEYS RAN OUT OF PROSPECTIVE JURORS TODAY FOR THE TRIAL OF CLAY L. SHAW ON CHARGES OF PLOTTING TO KILL PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, AND THE JUDGE HAD TO DRAFT SOME MORE FROM OTHER COURTS.

EVEN SO, ONLY SIX OF THE 12-MEMBER PANEL WERE SEATED AT THE END OF THE THIRD DAY OF THE TRIAL. DIST. JUDGE EDWARD A. HAGGERTY EXTENDED FRIDAY'S SESSION TO SPEED THINGS UP AND SCHEDULED A SPECIAL SATURDAY SESSION.

ATTORNEYS QUESTIONED 51 PROSPECTIVE JURORS THURSDAY AND SELECTED TWO, ALL IN THE AFTERNOON. MOST WERE EXCUSED BECAUSE THEY SAID THEY HAD FORMED OPINIONS ABOUT THE ISSUES.

HAGGERTY SAID HE HOPED A JURY WOULD BE SEATED BY SATURDAY AND TESTIMONY COULD BEGIN MONDAY.

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