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Shaw Trial Shift Plea Hearing Set

A hearing has been scheduled Monday in Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr.'s court to decide the legal sufficiency of a motion by Clay L. Shaw asking for a change of location in his trial on charges of conspiring to murder President John F. Kennedy.

Assistant Dist. Atty. James L. Alcock contested the motion requesting a new trial site yesterday, contending it did not comply with state law and asking that it be stricken from the record.

The trial had been scheduled yesterday, but Shaw's motion that the trial be moved at least 100 miles from New Orleans delayed it until a decision could be made. The motion by the state raised the possibility that the trial may be delayed still longer.

A hearing on the change of venue had been set for March 5.

Among the reasons cited by the state on the legal insufficiency of Shaw's motion were: the motion was not sworn to by the defense; the motion contained no statement, as required by state law, that the application is not intended to delay but to obtain a fair and impartial trial; and that the motion was incorporated with a continuance motion made Sept. 27, contrary to proper legal procedure.

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