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Witnesses Deny Shaw Guilt Bias

NEW ORLEANS (UPI) — Attorneys faced another long day in court today trying to find out if prospective jurors for the assassination conspiracy trial of Clay L. Shaw have been influenced by pre-trial publicity.

Forty more persons were called to testify today. They were selected at random from ten criminal district courts in Orleans Parish.

Monday 36 of 40 prospective jurors testified they could give Shaw a fair hearing. They agree by more than five to one they could "treat Shaw's trial the same as any other case."

SHAW ATTORNEYS contend the 55-year-old New Orleans businessman cannot get a fair trial in New Orleans because of adverse publicity launched by Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison.

However, Monday only two of 36 jurors testified they had read articles or publications which defense attorneys said could have prejudiced their minds against Shaw.

The articles and publications in question are:

—Mark Lane's book "Rush to Judgment" — a criticism of the Warren Commission report.

—A National Observer interview.

—A Playboy magazine interview with Garrison.

—A Ramparts magazine article on Garrison's investigation into the death of President Kennedy.

MONDAY'S SESSION was drawn out with repeated defense attempts to get the prospective jurors to admit they had formed

some kind of impression about the case.

"Most, however, agreed that while they might have more knowledge of the Shaw case than any other less publicized criminal trial, they could make impartial jurors."

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