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Assassination hearing set

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NEW ORLEANS, LA, Feb. 9, LNS—Defense attorneys for accused Kennedy assassination conspirator Clay L. Shaw requested a change of venue. Judge Edward Haggerty set a hearing on the motion, which could move the trial out of New Orleans due to pre-trial publicity for March 5.

Haggerty previously stated that jury selection would run concurrently with the change of venue hearing. If the motion is denied, a spokesman for D.A. Jim Garrison said, the trial could be expected to begin around April 1.

In the motion defense attorneys Edward Weggman and F. Irvin Dymond charged that Garrison

judge would be assigned to the case.

Lane and Turner were unavailable for comment, but Harold Weisberg was contacted in Los Angeles. He told Liberation News Service, "This motion has other than the stated purposes. There is no place in the world where the defendant is as well thought of as in New Orleans."

"This is a new kind of 'conspiracy,' consummated prior to its acts and without any meeting between the 'conspirators.' My book was completed and in the mail ten days before I ever spoke to Jim Garrison," he added.