

Crew of Haggerty Has Early Parade

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Carnival came a little early today for a few hundred folks in the French Quarter.

While the krewes of Choctaw, Hellos, Pandora and Mokana prepared for their afternoon parades, the 14-man crew at the Criminal Court building beat them to the punch by a couple of hours.

What the milling crowds in the area of Dauphine and Esplanade didn't realize at first was that they were about to witness part of the Clay L. Shaw conspiracy trial proceedings.

SHORTLY AFTER 11 A. M. hordes of photographers and newsmen rushed to the area to wait for the 14 jurors

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and the principal figures in the trial who were ordered to the scene by trial Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr.

A witness, Charles I. Spiesel, had testified he attended a party in the French Quarter with Shaw, but couldn't remember the exact address. So Judge Haggerty ordered everybody to the Quarter so that Spiesel might refresh his memory.

Pretty soon, Quarterites walking their dogs, bicycle riders, neighbors and scores of automobiles turned the area into a logjam.

Traffic soon was tied up for blocks. One pretty lass came out onto her balcony, saw the crowd, dashed back inside and changed her clothes when she saw the flash bulbs popping.

ANOTHER CURIOUS ONLOOKER, asked what he thought of the situation, replied, "I have a fixed opinion."

Pretty soon, Shaw, himself, pulled up in a limousine, got out and, accompanied by two detectives, walked to the Esplanade ave. neutral ground to chat with friends and acquaintances.

Just a few feet away, police had arrested three hippy types who were placed in the back seat of the police car and, sure enough, it stalled. The crowd obliged, pushed the car and the hippies were on their way to jail.

"INTRIGUING," ONE LITTLE OLD LADY remarked

as Judge Haggerty, nifty in a cranberry colored sport coat, arrived with witness Spiesel, just as natty in a black pin-stripe suit, gray hat and chomping on a cigar.

Finally, an old-fashioned, red New Orleans Public Service Inc. bus containing the jurors pulled up and the crowd grew even larger. At the instructions of the judge, Spiesel looked about and led the jurors to 1323 Dauphine, an address which is part of the apartment complex where Shaw lives. Shaw's actual address is 1313 Dauphine.

The spectators didn't catch any throws, but they did go home with a lot of curiosity satisfied.



—States-Item photo.

CLAY L. SHAW strikes a characteristic pose—with a cigarette—as he and one of his attorneys, EDWARD WEGMANN, stand on the Esplanade ave. neutral ground near Dauphine awaiting the arrival of a witness who was searching for the apartment where he testified he attended a party in 1963 and heard talk of a plot to kill President Kennedy.