

WEATHER DELAYS SHAW WITNESSES

Texans Unable to Fly In—
Only 3 Persons on Stand

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NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 15— District Attorney Jim Garrison continued today his attack on the Warren Commission's conclusion that President Kennedy had been slain by a lone assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald.

But the parade of witnesses from Dallas. Many of whom had given testimony that the Warren Commission had rejected or ignored, was halted abruptly before noon today.

One of Mr. Garrison's assistants said that a plane load of witnesses from Dallas had been unable to land in New Orleans, apparently because of the weather. And three others who had been expected to testify today were in hospital.

Mr. Garrison, who has taken to making brief daily appearances in the courtroom, was on hand but made no statement.

For the second day in a row, the name of Clay L. Shaw, the defendant in the trial, was not mentioned. Mr. Shaw is charged with conspiring with Oswald and David W. Ferrie, a now dead former airline pilot, to murder Mr. Kennedy.

Kennedy 'Bufs' Arrive

A number of the Kennedy "bufs," a group dedicated to proving that the Warren Commission erred when it said there was no evidence of a conspiracy, have arrived in New Orleans.

One of these, Mark Lane, a New York lawyer, has been on hand since the beginning of the trial Jan. 21. The latest to arrive is Penn Jones Jr., a weekly newspaper editor from Midlothian, Tex. Mr. Jones has compiled a long list of people with some connection to the assassination who have died since Nov. 22, 1963.

There were only three witnesses at today's trial—James L. Simmons, Mrs. Frances Gail Newman and Mrs. Mary Moor-

man. Mr. Simmons, who was standing on a railroad overpass about 200 feet from the Presidential limousine when Mr. Kennedy was struck by the fatal bullet, said that had seen a puff of smoke, "just a whisp," under a group of trees atop a grassy knoll west of the Texas School

Muddy Footprints Seen

It was at the edge of a parking lot behind a wooded fence. He said that he had seen many muddy footprints in the area, including some on a rail of the fence.

Mrs. Newman, who had been standing about 10 feet from the President's car when the bullet struck him in the head, said that she and her husband had thrown themselves to the ground, each covering a small child, "because we thought we were in a crossfire."

Mrs. Moorman, who had been standing on the opposite side of the Kennedy limousine from Mrs. Newman, identified a photograph she had taken just moments after the fatal shot struck.

The picture, which shows the President falling backward, was introduced into evidence.

The color motion picture of the assassination made by Abraham Zapruder was shown to the jury again, marking the eighth time that the jury had seen portions of it.

The prosecution said that it wanted Mrs. Moorman to determine if she could pick herself out in the film.

Former Texas Gov. John B. Connally Jr. and Mrs. Connally are expected to testify Monday. They rode in the limousine in Dallas with President and Mrs. Kennedy, and Mr. Connally was wounded seriously.

He has said that he does not believe the Warren Commission's conclusion that he was wounded by the same bullet that struck President Kennedy in the back.

The commission concluded that the bullet had exited through President Kennedy's throat and struck Governor Connally in the back.

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The Warren Commission said that the creditable evidence it had heard led it to conclude that all of the shots fired at the motorcade had come from the depository.

Mr. Simmons said that after the Presidential limousine, speeding toward Parkland Hospital with Mr. Kennedy, had passed beneath the underpass, he had gone immediately to the area where he had seen the "whisp" of smoke.