

# Shaw Enters Hospital as Trial Nears

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New Orleans, March 20 (AP) — Clay L. Shaw, destined for trial on a charge of conspiring to assassinate President John F. Kennedy, rested in a hospital bed today while his attorneys checked court records for a bill of information against him.

Dist. Attorney Jim Garrison, who contends that a conspiracy in New Orleans led to the murder of President Kennedy in Dallas, was expected to file the bill this week.

The bill is but a technical step in the legal procedure toward bringing Shaw to trial.

No trial date has been set for Shaw, 54, a decorated World War II Army major and retired business leader. Shaw entered Southern Baptist Hospital Saturday. His attorney said it was solely "for rest and relaxation."

## The Hearing

Garrison's case against Shaw came out last week in the preliminary hearing, when a drug addict and an insurance salesman placed Shaw with Lee Harvey Oswald weeks before the President's death.

Perry Russo, 25, a Baton Rouge insurance salesman, testified he attended a party at which he says he heard Shaw, who was introduced to him as "Clem Bertrand," plot with Oswald and David W. Ferrie to slap Kennedy.

Vernon Bundy Jr., 29, a stocky, paroled drug addict, told the court he was preparing a shot of heroin when he saw Shaw meet Oswald at the Lake Pontchartrain seawall and pass over "what looked like a wad of money."

## Defense Plea

Defense attorney William Wegmann urged the court to look long and hard at the evidence before ordering a formal trial.

"What they've got at this moment might warrant further investigation by competent investigators but it doesn't warrant holding this man," Wegmann argued. "This man is entitled to have the stigma removed from him."

Wegmann said there was no corroboration of testimony.

Garrison, meanwhile, promised more arrests.