

# Shaw Asks 32 Hearing

Attorneys for accused presidential assassination conspirator Clay L. Shaw today asked Criminal District Court to subpoena 32 witnesses for a Monday hearing in Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's Kennedy death plot investigation.

The hearing will launch pre-trial courtroom skirmishing between Garrison and the Shaw defense.

Today's surprise move found the defense asking the clerk of court to call a wide assortment of witnesses, in-

## Witnesses <sup>S-1 6/6/67</sup>

cluding Garrison and members of his legal and investigative staff.

Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr. called the hearing after the state, replying to earlier defense motions, charged that Shaw met in Baton Rouge with Jack Ruby and Lee Harvey Oswald to plot Kennedy's murder.

Ruby, now dead of cancer, shot Oswald in the Dallas police station two days after Kennedy's slaying. The Warren Commission placed the sole blame for the President's killing on Oswald.

Among witnesses the defense wants called are three key members of Truth and Consequences, all of the members of the Orleans Jury Commission, the foreman and all members of the Orleans Parish Grand Jury.

THE DEFENSE also requested subpoenas for Asst. DA James Alcock, who has been Garrison's chief legal assistant in the case; the DA's chief investigator, Louis Ivon, and two other Garrison investigators.

Truth and Consequences leaders called by the defense are oilman Joseph M. Rault Jr., automobile executive Willard E. Robertson and Cecil M. Shilstone.

The trio of businessmen organized the group to help finance Garrison's investigation after the DA complained that public recording of investigative expenses was hampering

the probe.

Grand Jury Foreman Albert V. LaBiche and the other 11 members of the grand jury

are among the 32 witnesses called by the defense. The hearing will be held before eight judges of Criminal District Court.

The defense offered no explanation for the requests. The Monday hearing opens at 10 a. m., and the principal arguments will bear on a defense motion to quash the indictment which charges Shaw conspired to kill Kennedy.