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Clay Shaw Trial Set For Mid-February

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The trial of Clay L. Shaw, charged with conspiracy in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, has been set for mid-February but the defense has indicated a change of venue will be sought.

Criminal Dist. Court Judge Edward A. Haggerty chose the February trial date Monday as a compromise between the office of Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison, which asked for a speedy hearing, and the defense, which wanted a six-month delay.

Chief defense counsel F. Irving Dymond then said he will probably seek to move the trial to another city because, he said, Garrison made "a lot of prejudicial and inflammatory statements" about the case "that would certainly prejudice jurors."

The scheduled date is nearly a year after Shaw was arrested and accused by Garrison of conspiring with Lee Harvey Oswald and others to assassinate the President. Shaw, 53, a retired business executive has pleaded innocent.