Federal Judges to Open Shaw Case Hearing Today Halt to Prosecution Is

Being Sought

Three federal judges will open a hearing Monday in New Orleans on a plea that they stop the prosecution of Clay L. Shaw on a charge of conspiring to murder President John F. Kennedy.

The defense for permanent injunction contends that District Attorney Jim Garrison violated Shaw's constitutional rights with what amounted to a "reign of terror" through abuse of power.

Shaw has been free on bond since his arrest March 1, 1967the first in Garrison's case.

Garrison angrily condemned the federal inquiry as a contin-uation of federal "obstruction and interference which we have received in this case from the outset. . . ."

In addition to a bid for permanent injunction against pros-ecution, Shaw's defense also asked for a number of alternate orders - including one making the Warren Report admissible as evidence in any court.

The Warren Commission said Lee Harvey Oswald, acting alone, was the gunman who killed President Kennedy in Dallas Nov. 22, 1963.

Garrison contends that a conspiracy to kill the President originated in New Orleans a few weeks before the shooting. Shaw, Oswald and others were involved, he said.

The three-judge federal panel consists of Dist. Judge Fred-erick J. R. Heebe, Dist. Judge James A. Comiskey, and Judge Robert A. Ainsworth of the 5th IS. Circuit Court of Appeals.