

STATE WON'T CALL CONNALLYS TODAY

Possibility for Future Testimony Unclear

Former Texas Gov. John B. Connally Jr. and his wife will not be called Monday to testify in the trial of Clay Shaw, charged with conspiring to assassinate President John F. Kennedy.

The Connallys had been subpoenaed to appear in the New Orleans Criminal District Court Monday, but uncertainties surrounding the delay in their call left it unclear whether they will testify at all. Connally was wounded seriously in the Kennedy assassination Nov. 22, 1963, in Dallas, Tex.

Mrs. Connally, contacted at her Houston home, said she was advised by telephone by the prosecution that "They would not be able to question us Monday." She said reasons given included problems of sickness and "witnesses stacking up."

Assistant District Attorney William Alford, who is handling the assassination phase of D.A. Jim Garrison's conspiracy case, said, "There is really nothing I can tell you." When asked if the Connallys might not appear at all, he said: "I can't comment on that."

Alford indicated, however, that Monday's witnesses would relate to the slaying in Dallas' Dealey Plaza. Another member of Garrison's prosecution team said that the end of the four-week-old trial is in sight and should definitely come within two more weeks.

Court adjourned Saturday after two hours because the state had run out of witnesses. Assistant DA Alvin Oser said several Dallas witnesses were unable to appear because of sickness and travel problems.

The last 12 of the 35 prosecution witnesses told of events in Dealey Plaza when Kennedy was shot. Their testimony is a vital part of Garrison's attempt to prove that Kennedy was killed in a conspiratorial **crossfire** plotted by Shaw, Lee Harvey Oswald and David W. Ferrie.



JOHN B. CONNALLY JR.
Testimony Delayed.