

Speedup in Trial Of Shaw Expected

With both sides finally out of peremptory challenges, Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr. had hopes today of breaking the logjam that has stalled jury selection in the Clay L. Shaw trial since Wednesday.

Shaw, 53, is on trial in Criminal District Court on charges of conspiring to kill President John F. Kennedy. As the trial entered its 11th day today, one more juror and two alternates were still to be chosen.

The state yesterday exercised its last peremptory challenge, by which a juror is rejected without giving a reason. From here on, Judge Haggerty will determine an individual's fitness to serve. The defense used its final challenge Thursday.

ONCE THE 12TH juror is selected, each side will get one more peremptory challenge for each alternate juror.

Another group of 150 citizens was subpoenaed to court this morning to be asked:

"Do you know of any reason that would keep you from being a fair and impartial juror in this case?"

UNLESS THEY are radically different from the 830 potential jurors who preceded them through the court during the past two weeks, most of them will answer, "Yes." None of the 150 called yesterday survived examination.

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Most either said they had a fixed opinion in the case or couldn't afford to serve two months without pay.

Another 150 are due in court at 10 a. m. Monday.

The main action in the Shaw case yesterday came 966 miles away, in a Washington, D. C., courtroom.

JUDGE CHARLES E. Halleck Jr. of General Sessions court in Washington directed that he be informed by Wednesday if District Attorney Jim Garrison intends to show Kennedy's death resulted from a conspiracy involving Shaw.

The state has dodged that issue so far in the trial. Chief prosecutor James L. Alcock has stressed to jurors that all the state has to prove is that there was a conspiracy involving Shaw and that someone committed an overt act in furtherance of the object of the conspiracy. This would not necessarily be the assassination of Kennedy itself.

In fact, the assassination is not among the six overt acts Alcock tells jurors the state will attempt to prove.

ON THE OTHER hand, by subpoenaing former Gov. John

Connally of Texas and others who were on the scene when Kennedy was shot to death in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963, Garrison clearly has indicated he intends to "go into Dealey Plaza," as the judge puts it. Judge Haggerty has been noncommittal on whether he will allow such evidence to be introduced.

Judge Halleck wants to know Garrison's intentions before he rules on the DA's efforts to obtain autopsy photographs and X-rays of the assassinated president. They have been sealed in the National Archives until 1971 at the request of the Kennedy family.

IF NO EFFORT is to be made by Garrison to link the alleged Shaw conspiracy and the assassination, it is irrelevant where the shot that killed Kennedy came from, Judge Halleck reasons.

Garrison contends the autopsy records will show Kennedy was shot from more than one direction. The Warren Commission investigating the slaying said he was shot only from the back, and Lee Harvey Oswald alone was involved.

IN SETTING the Wednesday moon deadline, Judge Halleck said hopefully the opening statements to the jury in the Shaw trial will have been made by then. "Then we'll all know what you expect to show," he told assistant DA Numa V. Bertel Jr.