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**Garrison Has Hernia Operation;
No Delay in Shaw Case Expected**

New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison was operated on for an abdominal hernia Sunday morning at St. Bernard General Hospital and was reported resting satisfactorily Sunday afternoon.

Phil Dufour, director of the hospital, said the operation took two hours and was performed by Dr. Emile Bertucci Jr., chief of staff of the hospital, and other staff doctors.

Dufour said that Mrs. Garrison was at the hospital with her husband, and that it was expected Sunday afternoon that Garrison would be discharged within 48 to 54 hours.

Dufour said that Garrison chose St. Bernard General Hospital on recommendation

of a friend and because it is a small, personal hospital.

Garrison was admitted to the hospital Saturday at 6 p.m.

Assistant District Attorney James Alcock said he did not think the operation will delay or affect the upcoming Clay Shaw trial.

"He (Garrison) hasn't mentioned anything about delaying the trial to me," said Alcock. "We still plan to go on Sept. 10."

Asked if any particular security precautions were put into effect for Garrison's stay in the hospital, Alcock replied, "Not that I know of." However, a reporter-photographer team observed several plain-clothes guards stationed around the hospital.