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Removal of JFK Assassination Judge Is Urged

NEW ORLEANS—A commission on the Louisiana judiciary today recommended that Edward A. Haggerty Jr., presiding judge in the Kennedy assassination conspiracy trial of Clay Shaw, be removed from the bench.

The immediate cause of Judge Haggerty's troubles was a stag party (the commission called it "an assemblage "for indecent purposes") at a motel not far from the criminal court building on Dec. 17, 1969. When police broke up the party the judge battled four officers as television cameras captured the action.

But the commission report probed much deeper into Judge Haggerty's conduct, noting that he associated with and placed bets through a known bookie by the name of Victor Manuel Soto, and that he had a close association with motel owner Frank Occhipinti,

who has an admitted business relationship with Carlos Marcello, reputed Mafia leader for the New Orleans area.

The decision on removal is up to the State Supreme Court.

four deaths and rocked skyscrapers, Army centers and department stores in New York.

Police said it was caused by 15 sticks of dynamite wired to

job opportunities because of their sex. They had been employed as clerks and typists.

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