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Short Bursts

The conspiracy trial of Clay L. Shaw, originally set for Sept. 10, has been postponed once more pending outcome of an appeal by Shaw to the U.S. Supreme Court. The trial was ordered postponed by a three-judge federal court. The same court's decision not to enjoin DA Jim Garrison from prosecuting Shaw is the subject of the appeal. Since the Supreme Court is in recess until October, the trial could not be rescheduled before then. After the postponement, Garrison said he intended to challenge the right of Chief Justice Earl Warren and Associate Justice Abe Fortas to sit in judgment on the appeal. He said their close association with and obligations to President Johnson would make an impartial decision impossible. He has accused the President of "participating actively in concealing vital evidence with regard to the murder of his predecessor." The mechanics of disqualifying a Supreme Court justice were not immediately apparent.

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