

Barred Until Appeal Decided 5-1 8/31/68

Shaw Trial Snagged Again

A special three-judge federal panel today barred the district attorney's office from prosecuting a c c u s e d conspirator Clay L. Shaw until the U.S. Supreme Court rules on an appeal from a lower court ruling that he can be tried in the state court in New Orleans.

Judges Robert A. Ainsworth Jr., James A. Comiskey and Frederick J. R. Heebe granted the appeal staying the prosecution of Shaw pending the outcome of the appeal.

SHAW, ACCUSED of conspiring with others to assassinate President John F. Ken-

nedy, had asked the federal court to prevent District Attorney Jim Garrison from prosecuting him in Criminal District Court. The three judges denied the request for an injunction against Garrison.

Attorneys for Shaw, after the decision, filed a notice with the court announcing

their intention of appealing the ruling.

Meanwhile, Garrison's office had set Sept. 10 as the date for the long-delayed trial of Shaw, who was indicted on the conspiracy charge in March, 1967, by the Orleans Parish Grand Jury.

TODAY'S DECISION by Judges Ainsworth, Heebe and

Comiskey means that the trial cannot begin in September because the U.S. Supreme Court is in summer vacation and does not return until October.

Shaw was the first person indicted in connection with Garrison's investigation into the November, 1963, assassination of President Kennedy at Dallas, Tex.