

Shaw Trial

Scheduled

Sept. 10; Delay Possible

The conspiracy trial of Clay L. Shaw was rescheduled for Sept. 10 today by Criminal Court Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr., but action taken a couple of hours later by Shaw's attorneys could block the trial once again.

Shaw is accused by District Attorney Jim Garrison of conspiring to murder the late President John F. Kennedy.

The September trial date was requested by Assistant DA James L. Alcock and approved by the judge today.

SHORTLY AFTER THE NEW DATE was announced, Shaw's attorneys filed a notice of their intention to appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court on a decision by a three-judge federal panel that refused last month to stop Garrison's prosecution.

Whether the trial will begin as scheduled now depends upon action by the three-judge panel. The judges can grant or refuse Shaw a stay of trial pending a hearing of his

appeal by the Supreme Court, which is in recess until October.

Shaw originally had been scheduled to go to trial in February. When his attorneys filed a motion for a change of venue, the trial was postponed. After his plea to move the trial from New Orleans was denied, the trial was rescheduled for June.

THE DEFENSE THEN FILED the injunction suit in Federal District Court here asking that Garrison be prevented from further prosecution of the case and that the conclusions of the Warren Commission Report be declared valid and admissible as evidence in all courts.

Federal Judge Frederick J. R. Heebe issued a temporary restraining order which blocked the trial once again, pend-

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ing judgment in the suit.

Judge Heebe, District Judge James A. Comiskey and Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Robert A. Ainsworth denied Shaw's plea for relief in federal court July 23.

Shaw was arrested and charged with conspiracy March 1, 1967. Two weeks later, a three-judge Criminal Court panel declared at the end of the preliminary hearing that the state had shown sufficient evidence to bind over Shaw for trial. He was later indicted on the same charge by the Orleans Parish Grand Jury.

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