

COURT IN SHAW CASE IS NAMED

Three Judges Make Up
Special Unit

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A special three-judge federal court which will hear the case in which Clay L. Shaw seeks to halt his prosecution in state criminal district court on charges of conspiring to kill President John F. Kennedy was named Tuesday.

The court will be made up of Judge Robert A. Ainsworth Jr., of the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals and District Judges Frederick J. R. Heebe and James A. Comiskey.

The panel was appointed by Chief Judge John R. Brown, Houston, of the Fifth Circuit.

District Attorney Jim Garrison and his assistants are now under a temporary restraining order signed last week by Judge Heebe which prevents further steps in the prosecution of Shaw pending a determination by the federal panel. Shaw had been scheduled to go to trial June 11.

Attorneys for Shaw have charged in the federal suit that Shaw's rights have been violated by the district attorney and that a number of state statutes under which the prosecution has been conducted are unconstitutional.

They also ask that the Warren Commission Report on the Kennedy assassination be declared valid and binding on all courts in the United States and admissible in evidence. The report holds that Lee Harvey Oswald, acting alone, killed the President in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963.

Shaw's attorneys will begin taking depositions Wednesday from several of Garrison's aids and others under an order from Judge Heebe. The first deposition scheduled is that of investigator Louis Ivon at 11 a. m., in the office of William J. Wegmann, a Shaw attorney, 2106 American Bank Building.