

# Ruling in Shaw Case Delayed

## Defense Seeks to Reopen Venue Hearing

A ruling on whether or not to move Clay L. Shaw's conspiracy trial out of New Orleans was delayed Thursday after defense attorneys made a bid to reopen the hearing on the subject.

The move by attorneys F. Irvin Dymond and Edward Wegmann hinged on an alleged attempt to hold over the Abraham Zapruder assassination film for possible use in Shaw's trial.

The Orleans Parish Grand Jury was viewing the film the same day in the Criminal Courts Building in connection with Dis-

trict Attorney Jim Garrison's Kennedy assassination probe.

Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr. set a hearing on the new motion for 10 a. m. Tuesday. He was to have ruled on the change-of-venue motion Friday.

The Zapruder film, taken in Dealey Plaza in Dallas Nov. 22, 1963, by Abraham Zapruder, was subpoenaed by the jury from Life Magazine.

### COPY VIEWED

The jury spent about 30 minutes watching the film, which is a copy made before four frames of the original film were damaged.

Afterwards, Garrison said he saw the film before and repeated past claims that it shows

Kennedy was shot from the front.

He said he will try to arrange for a private showing of the film for New Orleans newsmen.

Wegmann and Dymond, in their new motion, cited a letter written by Assistant District Attorney James L. Alcock to Cicero C. Sessions, attorney for Life Magazine, in connection with the Zapruder film.

Alcock is reported to have said in the letter, "Further, it is my understanding of our conversation that this copy may be kept by our office for possible use in the case of State of Louisiana vs. Clay L. Shaw."

The attorneys called this a "judicial declaration" which is

completely opposed to the legal position the state took during the change-of-venue hearing.

During questioning of witnesses the defense was not allowed to assume that Garrison's statements about conspiracies in general, his Kennedy death probe, and the conspiracy in which Shaw is accused of having participated all relate to the same thing.

### RIGHT ASSUMED

The defense feels it has the right to reopen the hearing and question all witnesses again, since the district attorney indicated that the assassination film may be relevant to Shaw's trial.

Throughout the hearing, defense was restricted to questions bearing directly on Shaw. Garrison contended that his public statements about the as-

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assination were not relevant as long as they did not pertain directly to Shaw. and 80 members of the jury panel were questioned.

During the hearing, a number of newsmen and executives, About 40 per cent of high school graduates enter college.