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Move to Shift Shaw Trial 100 Miles Away Is Filed

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torneys State

A slightly revised change-of-venue motion designed to move the trial of conspiracy defendant Clay L. Shaw at least 100 miles from New Orleans was presented in Criminal District Court by Shaw's attorneys Monday.

The latest defense move occurred during a hearing before Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr. on a state motion contesting the legal sufficiency of the last change-of-venue motion.

The new motion combines the previous motion and a supplemental motion. It contained a statement that it was not filed "for the purpose of delay," but "solely for the purpose of obtaining a fair and impartial trial."

One of the state's arguments against the former motion was that it did not contain such a statement as specified by law.

The new motion also bears the signatures of a notary public and of defense attorney F. Irvin Dymond. The state had claimed that allegation in such motions must be sworn to.

Judge Haggerty set a hearing on the new motion for next Monday. Assistant district at-

torney James L. Alcock said the state would need one week to study the new motion and file an answer.

However, he reserved the right to file another protest motion during the week should he deem the new motion inadequate.

Shaw, charged with criminal conspiracy in the death of President John F. Kennedy, was not required to appear Monday.

A hearing on the merits of a change of venue is still scheduled for March 5.