

SHAW LAWYERS BOLSTER CLAIM

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File Supplemental Motion
for Change of Venue

Bolstering their move for a change of location of the conspiracy trial of Clay L. Shaw, defense attorneys Friday filed a supplemental motion for a change of venue in Criminal District Court.

Filed by attorney Salvatore P a n z e c a, the supplemental motion furthers the defense's claim that publicity about Shaw's case has made a fair trial in New Orleans impossible.

It brings up three more incidents of publicity:

—A book entitled "Plot Or Politics? — The Garrison Case And Its Cast" by Rosemary James and Jack Wardlaw, published by the Pelican Publishing House in New Orleans.

—A number of articles published in New Orleans Magazine, described as "an official publication of the Chamber of Commerce of the New Orleans Area."

—Alleged cooperation given by the district attorney's office to Life Magazine. The defense claimed "the district attorney and his associates" gave the magazine a copy of a master file in the case and allowed the taking of pictures during Shaw's questioning and arrest.

The original motion filed earlier this week cited coverage of the case by The Times-Picayune, the New Orleans States-Item, and local television stations. It asked that the trial be moved at least 100 miles away from New Orleans.

Shaw is charged with conspiring in the death of President John F. Kennedy. The case has drawn worldwide attention since it was made public in February of last year.

An assistant district attorney, Richard V. Burns, said the state probably will file an answer challenging the sufficiency of the motion Tuesday.

Shaw will have to appear in the courtroom of Judge Edward A. Haggerty the same day as a formality. The trial was officially scheduled for Tuesday.

A hearing on the change of venue motion is scheduled for March 5.