

Would Testify Here If Called, Marina Says

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The widow of accused presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald said today she will come to New Orleans and testify in the trial of Clay L. Shaw if she is subpoenaed.

Salvatore Panzeca, a Shaw attorney, said yesterday a subpoena would be filed today or Monday for Mrs. Kenneth Jess Porter, the former Marina Oswald, of Irving, Tex., to testify as a defense witness.

Mrs. Porter said today in Irving she will honor the subpoena if it is issued.

Shaw is scheduled to go on trial Tuesday on charges of conspiring to kill President John F. Kennedy, but the district attorney's office now says a continuance will be asked. A hearing on the continuance request is scheduled at 10 a.m. Monday.

The Warren Commission investigating the assassination said Oswald acted alone in killing Kennedy in Dallas Nov. 22, 1963. District Attorney Jim Garrison charges Shaw plotted the slaying with Oswald and others.

Mrs. Porter, 27, testified before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury Feb. 8, 1968, in its probe of the assassination. She has publically denied knowing Shaw or any of the figures whose names have been connected with the assassination.

Panzeca said other out of state witnesses will also be subpoenaed, but declined to identify them.

Meanwhile, WWL-TV settled a controversy relating to the trial by voluntarily withdrawing a program scheduled for Saturday night on the Shaw case.

Attorneys for Shaw had asked Criminal District Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr. to issue an injunction barring Channel 4 from airing the program on grounds that it would influence potential jurors.

A WWL attorney told the judge this morning the pro-

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gram was being withdrawn and expressed hope other news media would exercise similar restraint.

The judge complimented WWL on the action.

William Reed, news director of Channel 4, said the fact a hearing was set on the suit "constitutes a serious breach of freedom of the press as guaranteed by the Constitution."

THE LOCAL chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalistic fraternity, passed a resolution condemning the move, saying an injunction would represent prior censorship by judicial fiat and a violation of the basic tenets of press freedom.

Carroll Trosclair, chapter president, said the group urges "that no such order be issued."