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Chances for Juror Pay Enhanced by Shaw Trial

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Pay for criminal district court jurors in Orleans Parish has a good chance of becoming a reality after the conspiracy trial of Clay L. Shaw.

Three criminal court judges met with six city councilmen this morning to discuss the matter, and emerged from the

closed session with optimism.

Council president Moon Landrieu said, "the council seems to be of the unanimous opinion that as soon as new revenues are forthcoming we will provide pay for Orleans jurors."

UNDER the plan, \$10 a day

would be paid to jurors at an annual total cost of an estimated \$25,000. Most criminal courts

in Louisiana already pay jurors.

Councilman James A. Moreau has earlier introduced an ordinance to appropriate the

money but said today he will withdraw it for redrafting. "We hope to get it passed right after the Shaw trial," he said.

Moreau said he wants to redraft the ordinance so that it

excludes governmental em-

ployees who are paid for civil leave while serving on juries.

"ALSO, it's obvious that \$25,000 would not be enough to take care of the Shaw jurors."

Shaw is on trial on charges of conspiring to kill Pres. John F. Kennedy. Twelve jurors and two alternates have been picked

and are expected to be tied up with the trial for over a month.

There is no provision now for jurors to be paid.

Said Landrieu, "the judges impressed upon us the necessity of providing pay for jurors."

CTY councilman Clarence O. Dupuy was the only council member absent from the meeting. The judges present were Frank J. Shea, Oliver Schunfkamp and Mathew Braniff.

Judge Shea said, "\$25,000 a year would appear to be adequate. You know, we're the last

district court in the state to pay jurors even though we handle fifty per cent of all the state's

criminal business."