

## Today's Appearance of Connallys In the Shaw Trial Is Called Off

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NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 16 (AP)—District Attorney Jim Garrison's prosecution team abruptly switched signals today and delayed calling former Texas Gov. John B. Connally as a witness at the trial of Clay Shaw, charged with conspiring to assassinate President John F. Kennedy.

Connally and his wife had been subpoenaed to appear Monday.

It was unclear today whether the Connallys would testify at all in the New Orleans trial. Connally was wounded seriously in the Ken-

nedy assassination Nov. 22, 1963, in Dallas, Tex.

"There is really nothing I can tell you," said Assistant District Attorney William Alford, who is handling the assassination phase of Garrison's conspiracy case. When asked if the Connallys might not appear at all, he said: "I can't comment on that."

Alford indicated, however, that Monday's witnesses would relate to the slaying in Dallas' Dealey Plaza. Another prosecutor said the end of the four-week-old trial is in sight and definitely should come within two more weeks.

Mrs. Connally, contacted at her Houston home, said she

was advised by telephone by the prosecution that "they would not be able to question us Monday." She said reasons given included problems of sickness and "witnesses stacking up."

Court adjourned Saturday after two hours because the state had run out of witnesses. Assistant District Attorney Alvin Oser said several Dallas witnesses were unable to appear because of sickness and travel problems.

The last 12 of the 35 prosecution witnesses told of events in Dealey Plaza when Mr. Kennedy was shot. Their testimony is a vital part of Garrison's attempt to prove that President Kennedy was killed in a conspiratorial crossfire plotted by Shaw, Lee Harvey Oswald and David W. Ferrie.

Shaw, 55, now retired, was for 18 years managing director of the International Trade Mart in New Orleans. He has denied knowing Oswald or Ferrie, both now dead, and has called Garrison's charge "fantastic."