

JURY SELECTION ENDED; DA TO MAKE STATEMENT



—Photo by The Times-Picayune.
CHATTING in the courtyard of the Rowntowner Hotel Wednesday after the jury for the Clay Shaw trial was completed were Criminal District Court Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr. (right), who will preside over the trial, and Criminal Sheriff Louis A. Heyd Jr.

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Judge to Hear Motions
as Shaw Trial Opens

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Fourteen tedious days of jury selection were ended Wednesday, and on Thursday morning the conspiracy trial of Clay L. Shaw will begin.

District Attorney Jim Garrison will deliver the opening statement.

He is expected to tell the jury if the state will attempt to link the alleged conspiracy with the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Criminal District Court Judge Edward A. Haggerty, who is presiding, will hear two motions when the court session begins at 10 a.m.

Once the motions are heard, the presentation of witnesses and evidence will begin with Garrison's opening statement expected to be the first day's highlight.

SECOND ALTERNATE

The way was paved for the start of the trial with the selection on Wednesday morning of Robert J. Burlet, 4101 Vixen, Algiers, the 46-year-old president of GNT Crane Service, as the second alternate.

The questioning of Burlet, the second prospective juror called to the witness chair Wednesday, started at 10:55 a.m. and ended at about 11:30 a.m.

Judge Haggerty had to call nearly 1,200 prospective jurors in the two weeks of jury selection. Most were excused because they would suffer a loss of earnings, or for medical reasons, or because they said they had a fixed opinion.

In other action related to the case, legal efforts by Garrison to obtain the secret autopsy photos and X-rays of President Kennedy for use in the trial were delayed.

Shaw is charged with having participated in a conspiracy with Lee Harvey Oswald, and David W. Ferrie to murder President Kennedy.

Judge Charles W. Halleck of the Court of General Sessions in

Washington, D. C., had given Garrison until Wednesday to tell him if he intends to link the conspiracy with the assassination.

DEADLINE MOVED BACK

However, he delayed the deadline and rescheduled a hearing, which was set for Friday, to Feb. 14 after agreement between the government and Garrison's attorneys.

Judge Halleck said he was not holding Garrison to the Wednesday deadline because Shaw's trial had not started. When he set the deadline last week, he said he expected that by Wednesday the trial would have started and Garrison would have already made his opening statement.

The Shaw jury is all male. Seven women, all volunteers, were called as prospective jurors, but six said jury duty would impose an undue hardship and the seventh was excused by a peremptory challenge exercised by the state.

It has been stated that the trial may last as long as eight weeks.

IMMUNITY SOUGHT

The two motions that will be

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heard Thursday morning include one filed by the defense seeking immunity from prosecution for one of its witnesses.

The defense is seeking the protective order for Mrs. Harold McMaines, the former Sandra Moffett, now living in Des Moines, Iowa.

She has thus far refused to come here because she says she is afraid of Garrison.

The other matter, which is expected to be resolved quickly, concerns a tape recording possessed by Hugh Exnicios, a Jefferson Parish attorney.

The defense says the tape will show an attempt by two Garrison aides to bribe and threaten another defense witness, Alvin Beauboeuf.

Exnicios claims the subpoena, ordering him to deliver the tape, violates his lawyer-client relationship with Beauboeuf. However, Beauboeuf has also filed a brief waiving the lawyer-counsel issue so the tape can be produced.

30-MINUTE RECESS

Judge Haggerty has also

agreed to a 30-minute recess after Garrison's opening statement. This recess was requested by the defense so it can study the statement and, if it desires, make its own opening statement.

After selection of the 14th juror, Judge Haggerty adjourned court and permitted photographs of the jurors to be taken at poolside at the Rowntowner Motor Inn, where the jury is being quartered during the trial.

He also permitted members of the press to examine the rooms in which the jury members are staying as well as the exercise room which contains exercise equipment, some being rented and some purchased, for the use of the jurors.

The 14 jurors who were selected and the order in which they were seated follows:

Irvin Mason, 50, of 2308 Tennessee, a machine operator for Freeport Sulphur Co.

Oliver M. Schultz, 39, of 7136 Lamb, an employe of New Orleans Public Service Inc.

William Ricks Jr., 26, of 841 Maurepas, a teacher at Booker T. Washington High School.

Charles D. Ordes, 39, 5111 Baccich, a supervisor for American Can Co.

Herbert J. Kenison, 28, of 8534 Edenborn, a microfilm finisher-printer for Kalvar Corp.

James G. O'Quinn, 30, of 6229 Brighton pl., Algiers, a petroleum engineer for Chevron Oil Co.

Larry D. Morgan, 24, of 922 Alabo, an aircraft mechanic for Boeing Co.

Sidney J. Hebert, 55, of 4026 Eunice dr., a retired Fire De-

partment captain and now an inspector for the Housing Authority of New Orleans.

Harold W. Bainum Jr., 24, of 2911 Banks, a unit manager for Westinghouse Credit Corp.

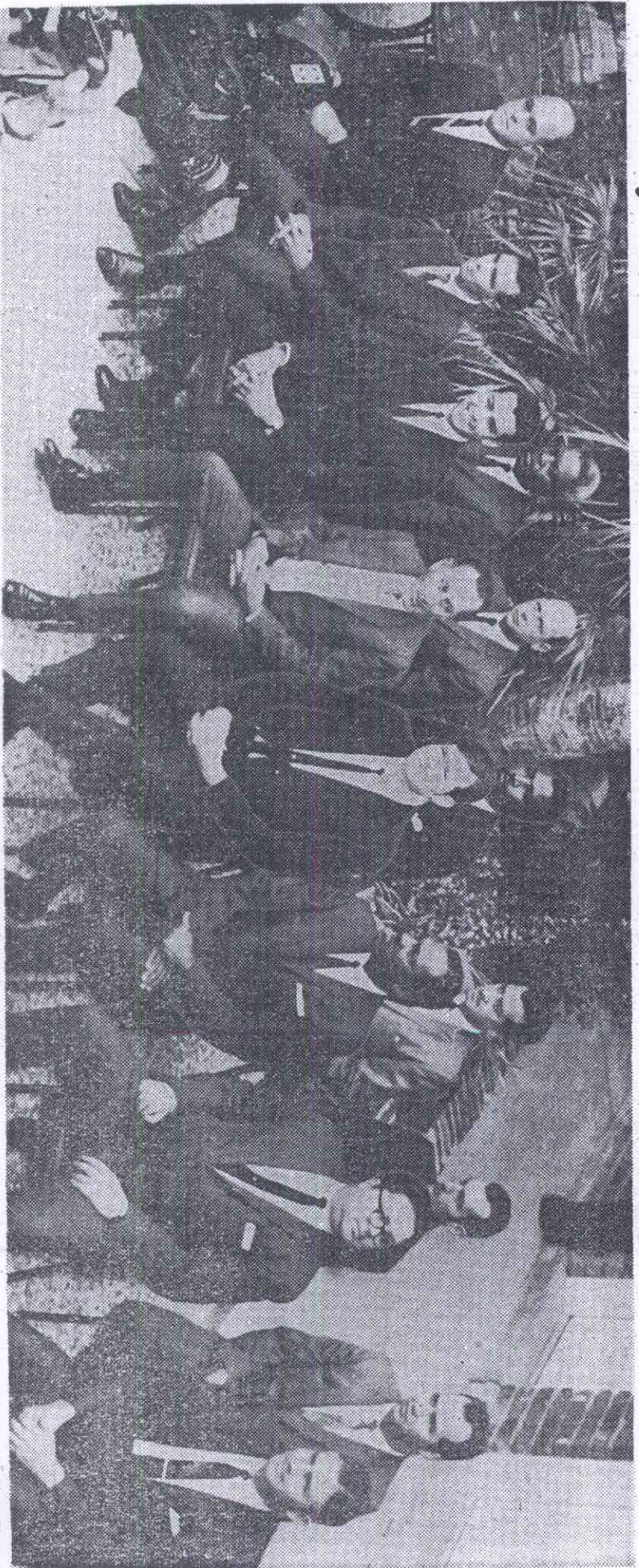
Warren E. Humphrey, 52, of 6524 Providence pl., a postal employe.

David I. Powe, 28, of 417 Pacific, Algiers, a credit manager.

Peter M. Tatum, 43, of 1632 Pace blvd., a maintenance mechanic for Kaiser Aluminum & Chemical Corp.

The first alternate is Joseph Beilman Jr., 26, of 4440 Gentilly rd., a group leader for Kalvar Corp., and Burlet is the second alternate.

Jury Panel for Shaw Trial Completed After 14 Days of Selecting



FOURTEEN MEN who were chosen on the jury to hear the testimony in the trial of Clay Shaw are pictured as they sat together for the first time Wednesday at the Rowntowner

Hotel. From left are (front row) Robert John Burlet, alternate; John Joseph Beilman Jr., alternate; Larry Dean Morgan, Sidney J. Heibert Jr., Harold W. Bannum Jr., Warren E.

Humphrey, David I. Powe, Peter M. Tatum; (back row) Irvin Mason, Oliver M. Schultz, William Ricks Jr., Charles D. Ordes, Herbert John Kenison and James Gary O'Quinn.

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