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Shaw Trial Delay Ruling Is Awaited

Judge Edward J. Haggerty Jr. is to rule today whether District Attorney Jim Garrison can get a delay in the trial of Clay Shaw.

The trial of Shaw, the New Orleans businessman accused by Garrison of conspiring to assassinate President Kennedy, is still officially scheduled to begin tomorrow after numerous delays.

Judge Haggerty has said he will rule on Garrison's bid for a delay, based on claims his case has been crippled by federal secrecy.

GARRISON'S chief assistant, James L. Alcock, said he will go all the way to the Louisiana Supreme Court if necessary to delay the trial. In a statement Friday in connection with the filing of a motion to delay, Alcock hinted strongly the Shaw case may never reach the courtroom. Shaw's lawyers said they will oppose the granting of any delay. Previously, Garrison has said only his death could halt the trial.

The prosecution move to delay the trial came shortly before a judge in Washington, D. C., declined to act on Garrison's subpoena of autopsy photographs and X-rays of Kennedy. The autopsy reports were placed in the National Archives by the Kennedy family with the stipulation that they not be made public.

Judge Charles Halleck told a Garrison aide he would have to show the autopsy records are necessary to the case and that "this is something more than a fishing expedition."

The Washington, D. C., judge gave Garrison two weeks to produce the evidence.

THE NEW Orleans DA contends a New Orleans-based conspiracy resulted in the November, 1963, assassination at Dallas of President Kennedy. The Warren Commission said Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone in the shooting and it found no credible evidence of a conspiracy.

Garrison claims his investigation shows there was a conspiracy involving Shaw, Oswald and others.

On the eve of Judge Halleck's ruling, Atty Gen. Ramsey Clark released a report by four medical experts backing up the Warren Report statement that Kennedy was shot from the rear.

Garrison has claimed that some shots came from the front. The autopsy reports are the key to his contention.

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