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Shaw Jury Pace Slow; Four Chosen

continued to inch forward today as the four jurors already certified looked on.

Two jurors were agreed upon yesterday and locked up overnight along with the two picked Tuesday.

DISTRICT Attorney Jim Garrison charges Shaw, a 55-year-old retired businessman, participated in a conspiracy here to kill Kennedy, who was shot to death in Dallas Nov. 22, 1963. Shaw was indicted under the state conspiracy statute.

The jurors picked so far are:

Charles Daniel Ordes, 39, of 5111 Bacclch, a supervisor for American Can Co.

William Ricks Jr., 28, of 2841 Maurepas, a teacher at Booker T. Washington High School.

Oliver M. Schultz, 39, of 7138 Lamb rd., a New Orleans Public Service Inc. employe.

Irvin Mason, 59, of 2303 Tennessee, a machine operator.

Mason and Schultz were picked Tuesday, Ricks and Ordes yesterday.

SO FAR, the jury contains two whites and two Negroes and is all-male. The two women among the 169 potential jurors on the panel have not yet been called.

As today's session opened, 121 names remained from the original list of 169. Forty-four potential jurors have been

either excused or rejected.

Some were excused for personal reasons, but most were dropped by mutual consent either because they had already formed a fixed opinion on the case or because serving would work a financial hardship on them. Jurors receive no pay.

IF THE PACE of selecting two jurors a day is maintained, it will take a week to confirm 12 jurors and two alternates. These 14 persons will be sequestered for the duration of the trial.

So far, one juror has been agreed upon out of every 12 called. If this pace is maintained, the jury can be selected out of the original panel of 169. Otherwise, more names will be added.

Each side is entitled to 12 peremptory challenges, meaning they can reject a juror without giving a reason. So far, the state has used three and has nine left. The defense has used only one.

THE POTENTIAL jurors are being asked whether they believe the Warren Commission was right in saying Lee Harvey Oswald shot Kennedy, acting alone. The only answer acceptable to both sides is "I have no opinion."

Assistant DAs Alvin V. Oser and James L. Alcock handled questioning for the state, chief Shaw counsel F. Irvin

Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr., addressing the jurors already selected, told them he was sorry they were not permitted to read the newspaper, and added:

"It was a pretty good story."

DURING THE questioning of Ricks yesterday, the school teacher said he was versed on the assassination. Asked

how many articles he has read on it, he replied:

"As they came out." Dymond asked him: "Do you have a fixed opinion about the case?"

Ricks: "I would say I'm an agnostic as far as this case is concerned."

JUDGE HAGGERTY interrupted to explain Ricks meant, "He doesn't know what to believe."

Oser asked the judge if he could ask Ricks why he feels that way.

"I don't think you have the right to ask him why," said Haggerty.

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