Shaw Trial in JFK 'Death Plot' Slated

NEW ORLEANS (UPI) — Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr. said yesterday New Orleans businessman Clay L. Shaw will probably be tried in August or September for allegedly conspiring to assassinate President John F. Kennedy.

And Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's office hinted that the prosecution would use mostly circumstantial evidence against Shaw.

Haggerty meanwhile said the prosecution would not have to show how President Kennedy was killed in Dallas in 1963, but would only have to show that one overt act of conspiracy had been committed in New Orleans.

"The state does not have to tell the defense who killed Kennedy," the judge said.

Judge Frank Shae, holding court at the same time as Haggerty, set August 9 as the trial date for Jefferson Parish (county) Attorney Dean A. Andrews on a perjury indictment in connection with the probe.

Shae first refused to quash the indictment as Andrews had requested and then denied Andrew's motion for a speedy trial.

Two other motions were also denied — one asking for a full transcript of the testimony Andrews gave the grand jury and the other asking for the right to inspect an earlier jury transcript given by Andrews.

Andrews' perjury indictment apparently arose from his refusal to identify Shaw as Clay Bertrand, a man Andrews says called him shortly after the assassination and asked him to represent Lee Harvey Oswald.

Garrison maintains that Shaw and Bertrand are the same person.

Haggerty delayed ruling on series of defense motions allowing a second prelimi-

nary hearing for Shaw yesterday. He granted attorneys additional time to file written arguments on the defense motions.

Yesterday's hearing ended abruptly after the defense called only four of the 32 witnesses it had subpoenaed.

Shaw, dressed in a blue suit, sat quietly through the hearing. His face reddened on occasion as the defense and prosecution argued.

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Shaw was indicted for allegedly conspiring with the late David W. Ferrie and Lee Harvey Oswald to assassinate Kennedy. Garrison last week also filed a document saying Shaw met with Oswald and the late Jack Ruby in a Baton Rouge hotel in 1963.

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Earlier in the day the judge refused to order Truth and Consequences to provide the defense with a list of its members and its expenditures. The private group has helped to finance Garrison's assassination investigation.

The judge did say he would honor a defense request to determine if any members of the New Orleans grand jury had contributed to the group.