

Venue Shift Request Seen In Shaw Trial

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Attorneys for accused conspirator Clay L. Shaw are expected to ask that the trial, scheduled to begin in mid-February, be moved out of the city of New Orleans.

Such a move could have the effect of delaying the trial at least a month. Shaw was originally arrested in March of 1967 and charged with conspiracy in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. In another development today, it was learned that televising of the trial on a delayed basis by a noncommercial network is under consideration.

Criminal District Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr., who will preside at the trial, met yesterday with defense attorneys and representatives of the office of District Attorney Jim Garrison.

NO DECISION was reached on the television proposal, but it is under consideration, it was learned.

Haggerty refused comment and would say only, "no decision has been made on that at all."

But Garrison said, "if the defense does not object, and it would not hurt the defense, we would have no objection."

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"I'm not with the bar association on the question of excluding everything," the DA added.

First Assistant DA Charles Ray Ward said Benjamin C. Toledano, counsel for National Educational Television, approached court officials with the proposal.

THE PLAN would be for a camera to be secreted in the courtroom so it would not be visible to participants, and the proceedings would be videotaped for replay later on the educational network. WYES, Channel 8, is the NET outlet in New Orleans.

The televising would be financed by the Ford Foundation.

Defense attorneys declined immediate comment on whether they would agree.

Meanwhile, Edgar Eugene Bradley, the second man charged with conspiracy in the slaying of Kennedy is scheduled to appear in Los Angeles County Superior Court Monday for an extradition hearing.

Bradley, 49, of North Hollywood, had denied any connection with the assassination.

GEORGE J. Jensen, Bradley's attorney, said he will ask for a continuance of Monday's hearing.

Yesterday, Garrison received his second setback in three days in his attempt to secure two Californians as material witnesses in the probe.

A Superior Court judge ruled that Lawrence Howard Jr., 33, of El Monte, does not have to go to New Orleans. In so ruling, Judge Richard Schauer noted that Garrison sent no one to testify at yesterday's hearing.

THE ALLEGATIONS in this certificate," said Schauer, "are not nearly as persuasive as the testimony of a live witness." He referred to the document signed by Criminal District Judge Matthew S. Braniff asking Howard's return.

At the hearing, Howard denied he had any knowledge of a conspiracy to assassinate the President. He said the only time he was in New Orleans was June 4 or 5, 1963.

Bradley testified that he had never met Howard and did not know of any participation by Howard in any conspiracy.

Earlier this week, a Bakersfield, Calif., judge rejected Garrison's request to have Loran A. Hall, another man sought as a material witness, returned to New Orleans.