

STATES-ITEM

FEBRUARY 19, 1968

Shaw Seeking To File New Venue Motion

Attorneys for Clay Shaw sought today to file a new motion asking that Shaw's trial on charges of conspiring to assassinate President John F. Kennedy be moved at least 100 miles from New Orleans.

The new motion would combine an earlier change of venue motion and supplementary motion. The action came at a hearing on a protest by the office of District Attorney Jim Garrison that the earlier defense motion was legally insufficient.

AT THE REQUEST of the state, Criminal District Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr. set a hearing next Monday on the new motion.

As court opened today, defense attorney F. Irvin Dymond withdrew his earlier motions and asked to be allowed to refile the pleadings in a combined motion.

Assistant DA James L. Alcock said the state would need a week to study the new motion and file an answer.

ALCOCK, HOWEVER, reserved the right during the

week to file another protest should he deem the new motion legally inadequate.

The result was to delay all proceedings in the complicated case for a week. Because of the current legal entangle-

ments, Shaw cannot come to trial before April.

Free on \$10,000 bond, Shaw was not in court.

A March 5 hearing on the merits of the change of venue proposal is still scheduled.