

## SHIFT IN SHAW TRIAL WEIGHED AT HEARING

NEW ORLEANS, March 18 (AP)—Questioning of prospective jurors began today in a hearing to determine whether Clay L. Shaw can get a fair trial here on charges of conspiring to murder President Kennedy.

Mr. Shaw, 55 years old, a retired businessman, is accused by District Attorney Jim Garrison of plotting to assassinate President Kennedy, who was killed from ambush in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963.

The defense contends that because of unusual publicity Mr. Shaw cannot get a fair trial within 100 miles of New Orleans.

In the hearing before Criminal District Court Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr., some 80 persons on the jury venire will be questioned.

A jury empaneled to determine whether Mr. Shaw can get a fair trial was seated this morning and questioning began.

Judge Haggerty told this jury that information that appeared in the press "may be true, but may be irrelevant."

"Press information is unsworn, unconfirmed and uncontradicted," he said.

"What we are trying to find out is whether if you were selected, could you put out of your mind what you have heard, seen and read and make the decision on what is presented."

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## DA Appears At Hearing on O'Hara Ouster

District Attorney Jim Garrison made an appearance today before the Louisiana Supreme Court commissioner in the case in which the state seeks to remove Judge Malcolm J. O'Hara from criminal district court bench.

Garrison appeared about an hour after Russell J. Schonekas, counsel for O'Hara, told reporters the closed hearing would probably end today.

**SCHONEKAS REFUSED** to identify for reporters the witnesses who had been called for today and said "you'll know them when you see them."

Garrison followed retired Criminal Court Judge William J. O'Hara, who appeared before Michael M. Irwin, commissioner appointed by the Supreme Court to take testimony in the removal procedure. Judge O'Hara is father of Malcolm O'Hara.

The hearing, which began last week, is closed to the public. When all testimony is in, the transcripts will be submitted to the Supreme Court for a public hearing to be held by the Supreme Court May 3.

**JUDGE WILLIAM O'HARA**, who retired in 1962, said that he didn't think there was anything important he could tell the commissioner and he said they might ask him some incidental questions.

He was in the hearing only 15 minutes.

It was Garrison's second appearance at the hearing. He was at the Louisiana Supreme Court Building March 14 and at that time said he did not "know why he had been called."

Garrison spent only 15 minutes before the commissioner today.

The hearing is for presentation of evidence on a charge that O'Hara acted improperly in efforts to free Teamster boss James A. Hoffa from federal prison, where he is serving time on a jury tampering conviction.