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NEW ORLEANS (AP)-ATTORNEYS FOR CLAY L. SHAW TODAY ATTACKED THE SYSTEM BY WHICH GRAND JURIES ARE SELECTED IN A BID TO GET SHAW'S CASE THROWN OUT OF COURT. SHAW HAS BEEN CHARGED BY DIST. ATTY. JIM GARRISON WITH CONSPIRING TO ASSASSINATE PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY.

THE 54-YEAR-OLD SHAW, RETIRED MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE MART HERE, LISTENED INTENTLY AS HIS LAWYERS TRIED TO QUASH THE INDICTMENT AGAINST HIM.

CRIMINAL DISTRICT JUDGES WHO EMPANEL GRAND JURIES WERE QUESTIONED CLOSELY AS TO WHY THE GRAND JURIES ARE MADE UP PRIMARILY OF WHITE MEN.

JUDGE BERNARD J. BAGERT, WHO EMPANELED THE GRAND JURY THAT INDICTED SHAW LAST MARCH, TESTIFIED THAT HE HAS MADE CERTAIN THAT AT LEAST ONE NEGRO WAS ON EACH GRAND JURY HE HAS PICKED.

THE JURY THAT INDICTED SHAW, HE SAID, INCLUDED A NEGRO NEWSPAPER PUBLISHER AND A NEGRO EDUCATOR. "I WAS VERY PLEASED TO GET MEN OF THIS CALIBER ON THE GRAND JURY," HE SAID.

IN ANSWERING QUESTIONS BY SHAW'S LAWYERS, JUDGE BAGERT SAID WOMEN ARE EXEMPTED UNDER LOUISIANA LAW FROM JURY DUTY UNLESS THEY VOLUNTEER. HE SAID HE HAS CONDUCTED A CAMPAIGN THROUGH NEWSPAPERS TO INTEREST WOMEN IN STEPPING FORWARD AND VOLUNTEERING THEIR SERVICES.

SHAW SAT AT THE DEFENSE TABLE AS HIS ATTORNEYS QUESTIONED THE DISTRICT JUDGES, CHAIN SMOKING.

AT ONE POINT HE SMILED AND WINKED AT AN ATTORNEY WHO WALKED INTO THE SMALL COURTROOM. OTHERWISE, HE REMAINED IMPASSIVE.

PRESIDING JUDGE EDWARD HAGGERTY JR. CAUTIONED THE DEFENSE THAT QUESTIONING OF WITNESSES WOULD BE VERY LIMITED BECAUSE THE ONLY ISSUE BEFORE THE COURT IS SHAW'S MOTION TO DISMISS THE INDICTMENT. THE JUDGE: THIRD GRAF B37.

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NEW ORLEANS, (AP)-CLAY L. SHAW, THE PROMINENT BUSINESS EXECUTIVE CHARGED WITH CONSPIRING TO MURDER PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, MAKES A LAST-DITCH EFFORT TODAY TO AVOID GOING TO TRIAL.

JUDGE EDWARD A. HAGGERTY JR. OF CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT WILL HEAR A MOTION BY DEFENSE LAWYERS SEEKING TO QUASH THE INDICTMENT AGAINST SHAW.

THE JUDGE SAID EARLIER HE WOULD RULE ON THE MOTION BU SEPT. 18. SHOULD THE MOTION FAIL, IT WAS DEEMED LIKELY SHAW'S TRIAL WOULD GET UNDERWAY LATE THIS MONTH OR EARLY IN OCTOBER.

SHAW, 54, WAS ARRESTED MARCH 1.

HE IS THE ONLY MAN WHOM DIST. ATTY. JIM GARRISON HAS CHARGED IN THE CONTROVERSIAL PROBE OF AN ALLEGED PLOT IN NEW ORLEANS TO ASSASSINATE PRESIDENT KENNEDY IN THE FALL OF 1963.

LAWYERS FOR SHAW SUBPOENAED MORE THAN 30 WITNESSES, FOR THE HEARING, INCLUDING GARRISON'S PRIME WITNESS, PERRY RAYMOND RUSSO, WHO SELLS INSURANCE IN BATON ROUGE AND NEW ORLEANS, AND GARRISON HIMSELF.

IT WAS LARGELY ON THE BASIS OF RUSSO'S TESTIMONY THAT THREE-JUDGE CRIMINAL COURT PANEL RULED THERE WAS SUFFICIENT CAUSE TO HOLD SHAW FOR TRIAL. SHAW HAS BEEN FREE UNDER \$10,000 BOND.

THE BIG, WHITE-HAIRED BUSINESSMAN WHO ONCE SERVED AS MANAGING DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE MART, HAS MAINTAINED HE IS INNOCENT.

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