

Judge to Call Shaw Lawyers, Garrison Staff

Criminal District Court Judge Edward A. Haggerty today said he will call a conference Monday between defense attorneys for Clay L. Shaw and members of the district attorney's staff before he rules on Shaw's motions for a trial delay or change of venue.

Shaw, charged by DA Jim Garrison with conspiring to assassinate President Kennedy, has asked the court to grant a six-month delay in his trial or, as an alternative, approve a change of venue.

ASSISTANT DIST. Attys. James L. Alcock and Richard Burnes filed the state's answer to the motions Tuesday stating that a "reasonable delay" of less than six months would be agreeable.

However, the state blasted the six-month-delay request as "arbitrary, capricious and unreasonable," but said it would acquiesce in order to "preclude any error which might justify a reversal of the conviction on appeal . . ."

Although the state's acceptance of a "reasonable delay" was general, Alcock said privately that he did not expect the trial to begin until next year.

THE DEFENSE HAD said
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the delay or change in the trial site was necessary, claiming that actions by DA Garrison have made selection of an impartial jury impossible at this time.

However, the state countered that if it is not possible to get a fair trial, it is because of actions by Shaw and his attorneys, not the state.

The state opposed the change of venue section of the motion and a request for a bill of particulars, also included in the defense motion.
