

SHAW CONSPIRACY TRIAL
SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 11

U.S. Court Aid Sought By Defense

The office of District Attorney Jim Garrison today set the trial of Clay L. Shaw for June 11. Shaw is charged with criminal conspiracy in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Shaw's attorneys said yesterday they intend to seek relief for their client in federal court.

ASSISTANT DA JAMES L. ALCOCK said today in a statement on the trial date that federal courts have no jurisdiction in the case. Shaw is charged under the state conspiracy statute.

Told that the trial date was set, chief Shaw attorney F. Irvin Dymond said, "Well, that's their prerogative."

Asked if he thought the trial would actually begin on that date, Dymond said, "As we said yesterday, 'we are going to seek relief in federal court and it will depend on the outcome of that.'"

ASKED TO SPECIFY WHAT MOTIONS he would make in federal court Dymond said, "The pleadings will have to speak for themselves on that."

He would not say when the pleadings will be filed.

Here is Alcock's statement:

"Now that Mr. Shaw's defense attorneys have exhausted their pretrial actions, the law permits the state to set the case for trial.

"Today we have set the trial of Clay L. Shaw for June 11, 1968.

"Trial of this case has been delayed unduly long and it is our hope that we can go to trial on this date.

"The state is ready for trial and will oppose any more attempts to postpone the trial.

"THE DEFENSE ATTORNEYS HAVE STATED that they intend to try and carry their pretrial proceedings into federal court.

"Inasmuch as the federal courts have about as much jurisdiction over this case as the courts of England or India, we see no basis for any additional delay of the trial on this account.

"Of course, there have been instances recently when federal courts have assumed jurisdiction where in our judgment, no basis for jurisdiction has existed.

"However, in view of the extensive effort of the federal government to interfere with and obstruct our investigation of President Kennedy's assassination, I am sure that no federal judge will allow his court to be used as a sanctuary for further delay."

GARRISON CHARGED THAT SHAW CONSPIRED here with Lee Harvey Oswald, David William Ferrie and others to plot the President's death.

Edward Wegmann, one of Shaw's lawyers, issued a brief statement on the matter yesterday:

"In response to the many inquiries directed to my colleagues and myself, I am authorized to state that as counsel of . . . Shaw, we do intend to seek relief on behalf of Mr. Shaw in the federal court system."

The defense has exhausted all legal avenues in the state courts with the recent decision by the Louisiana Supreme Court denying to review a criminal district court ruling that Shaw must stand trial in New Orleans.

Shaw's lawyers had asked that the trial be moved at least 100 miles from the city, claiming publicity had made a fair trial here impossible.

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