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Shaw Date --Day After Inaugural

NEW ORLEANS — (UPI) — District Attorney Jim Garrison today set Jan. 21 — the day after Richard Nixon is sworn in as president — for the trial of Clay Shaw on charges of conspiring to assassinate President Kennedy.

Shaw, 55, would go on trial in Orleans Parish Criminal District Court in a jury trial presided over by Judge Edward Haggerty.

The U.S. Supreme Court earlier this week denied a restraining order asked by Shaw against Garrison which would have prohibited the district attorney from prosecuting him.

"The moment of truth has arrived in this case," the flamboyant district attorney told a news conference. "Even if I'm killed the Clay Shaw case will go to trial."

Garrison says Shaw, the silver-haired former director of the New Orleans International Trade Mart, conspired with Lee Harvey Oswald and "others" to kill Kennedy.

Shaw has denied all the charges.

The Supreme Court turned down these contentions.

Garrison would not comment when asked if he felt the Nixon administration would declassify remaining Warren Commission files.

He did say that an offer had been made him to resign and drop the Shaw case in return for a federal judgeship. He did not say who made the offer.

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