

## Haggerty Makes 2nd Probe Appearance

By JAMES HEARTY  
Criminal District Court Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr. made his second appearance today before a judicial panel investigating his conduct.

Judge Haggerty arrived at the hearing in the State Supreme Court building this morning alone in his own automobile.

The nattily dressed official told reporters outside the

building's entrance he was "feeling pretty good" as the Louisiana Judicial Commission began the second day of its probe into the judge's activities.

A SEVEN-MAN PANEL is investigating the circumstances surrounding Haggerty's arrest in a police vice squad raid Dec. 17 on a stag party at the Motel DeVille, 3800 Tulane Ave.

Haggerty later was found innocent of charges of soliciting for prostitution, obscenity and resisting arrest in the raid by his Criminal Court colleague, Judge Matthew S. Braniff.

About 40 witnesses have been subpoenaed in the investigation.

Among those returning to the building's second-floor courtroom again today were Jean Clemens Shipp, one of the 14 persons arrested in the

vice raid, and Kenneth "Frenchie" Brouillette.

OTHERS ENTERING the building were P. H. Schuster, a photographer and investigator for the Orleans Parish Coroner's office; Judge Albert Tate Jr. of Ville Platte, chief judge of the Third Circuit Court of Appeal and chairman of the judicial commission's investigative panel, and Maj. Gen. Raymond F. Hufft, regional commissioner for the U.S. Bureau of Customs and former Louisiana adjutant general.

To add to Judge Haggerty's troubles, his parked car was ticketed by a policeman shortly after he parked it in a freight zone on Gravier Street at the Supreme Court building's side.

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were attached to his court returned to the judge's car and retrieved records apparently to be used in testimony.

Seven witnesses were heard by the panel yesterday and last night. Sources said there would probably be another night session today.

More than a score of witnesses streamed into the building's elevator yesterday for the first closed session of the hearing, which may require a week to complete.

Judge Haggerty was one of the first to arrive at the hearing, which began at 10 a.m. and ended about 10 p.m. As reporters sought to question him, the judge placed his fore-finger in front of his mouth to indicate silence, and referred questions to his attorney, Robert N. Zibilich.

Last night Zibilich was asked how Judge Haggerty was undergoing the ordeal of the protracted first day. He answered, "Okay."

The Louisiana Supreme Court building was alive with

newsmen trailing witnesses in and out of the building on Loyola Avenue. The building was practically empty during the night session.

While reporters were restricted to the first floor below the court chamber during the morning, in the afternoon the probers decided the press would not be allowed in the building at all.

Robert E. LeCorgne, judicial administrator, said the decision was made to "avoid any difficulties with witnesses walking in and out of the building."

AFTER THE INVESTIGATIVE panel completes its work, findings will be reported to the state Supreme Court. The recommendations are expected to be either that Judge Haggerty be exonerated of any allegations of wrongdoing or that the court take action to reprimand him or remove him from the bench.

LeCorgne has said the investigation will not be limited to the judge's role in the vice squad raid, but will include a probe into his personal conduct in general.



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JUDGE ALBERT TATE JR. of Ville Platte, chief judge of the Third District Circuit Court of Appeal and chairman of the panel investigating the conduct of Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr., arrives for today's hearing.