

'JFK Plot' Trial Set In Motion

NEW ORLEANS — (UPI) — District Attorney Jim Garrison, fresh from a first-round victory, is expected to begin proceedings to try Clay L. Shaw on charges of conspiring to assassinate President Kennedy.

A three-judge panel ruled yesterday Garrison has enough evidence to warrant trying Shaw.

Garrison either can seek a grand-jury indictment against Shaw or file a bill of information. He has indicated Friday he will file the bill.

Garrison's victory in the four-day preliminary hearing came after he produced two major witnesses:

- Perry R. Russo, a Baton Rouge insurance salesman who testified Shaw, Lee Harvey Oswald and pilot Dave Ferrie conspired in 1963 to assassinate the President.

- Vernon Bundy, 29, a former narcotics figure who said he saw Shaw handing Oswald a roll of bills on the New Orleans lakefront in the summer of 1963.

If brought to trial, Shaw, a former managing director of the International Trade Mart, would be the first man to stand trial for the Kennedy assassination.

Oswald was shot by Jack Ruby two days after the President's death.

There was debate whether the testimony of Bundy and Russo would be sufficient to convict Shaw in a jury trial, but a Garrison assistant pointed out the state did not have to show all of its evidence in the preliminary hearing.