

**SENDS FOR TRANSCRIPT****N.O. Bar Will Study O'Hara's Testimony**

The New Orleans Bar Association today asked a Chicago federal court for transcripts of a hearing in which a Criminal Court judge said he was the frequent traveling companion and "messenger boy" of a New Orleans builder convicted along with Teamster union boss James A. Hoffa of conspiracy and fraud.

Charles J. McCabe, president of the association, said the bar asked for the transcript and was looking into the testimony of Criminal Court Judge Malcolm V. O'Hara, who told a hearing on a Hoffa motion for a new trial that he had been the expense-paid traveling companion and messenger boy of New Orleans builder Zachary A. "Red" Strate.

Strate was convicted along with Hoffa in 1964.

The hearing was looking into charges by Hoffa's attorneys that federal agents used illegal means of obtaining evidence against him.

MCCABE said there was a meeting of the association Wednesday at which clippings of news stories concerning O'Hara's testimony were

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studied. He said the group had requested transcripts of the judge's testimony from the Chicago court before taking further action.

"In order to take further action," McCabe said, "we would have to have a transcript of the testimony given."

The attorney said the group had called on the Chicago Bar Association for help and that the court reporter was forwarding the transcript.

"As soon as we get the transcript we will meet again," he said.

Yesterday, the Metropolitan Crime Commission also asked for a transcript of the testimony.

MCC managing director Aaron Kohn, said the commission would study the testimony to see whether it may have been in violation of the law or of the judicial code of ethics.

IN THE HEARING O'Hara testified he attempted to get Baton Rouge Teamster business agent Edward Grady Partin to sign an affidavit refuting his (Partin's) testimony in the trial. Partin was the key witness in sending the teamster boss to jail.

O'Hara also said he arranged a meeting between Walter Sheridan, a television network news investigator under indictment in New Orleans for public bribery, and Strate. According to O'Hara, Sheridan was to give Strate evidence to substantiate the wiretapping charge in exchange for information discrediting Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's probe of the Kennedy assassination.

**TEXANS QUERIED****Seek to Show Ruby Not At 'BR Plot Gathering'**

(Special to the States-Item)

DALLAS, Tex. — Attorneys for Clay L. Shaw have appealed to Dallas area residents for information concerning Jack Ruby's whereabouts in the first five days of September, 1963.

New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison, who has accused Shaw of conspiracy in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, alleges that Ruby met with Shaw and Lee Harvey Oswald in a Baton Rouge hotel on Sept. 3, 1963.

"We are asking the residents of the Dallas area for help in establishing the whereabouts of Jack Ruby during this time," Edward Wegmann, one of Shaw's attorneys, told a Dallas news conference yesterday.

REFERRING TO THE Garrison allegation, Wegmann said, "We believe that no such meeting took place."

Wegmann, his brother, William Wegmann, and F. Irvin Dymond spent the past two days visiting the assassination site and the surrounding area. The attorneys also interviewed a number of persons.

"We have learned of a witness whose testimony will

show that it would have been impossible for shots to have been fired from the grassy knoll area. This witness was not available to the Warren Commission," Dymond said.

GARRISON CONTENDS the President was shot from a grass-covered elevated site near the Texas School Book Depository. This is the building from which Lee Harvey Oswald fired the shots killing Kennedy, the Warren Commission concluded.

Shaw's attorneys declined to say to whom they had talked but said that public officials "had been most cooperative."