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NEW ORLEANS (AP)-CLAY L. SHAW'S LAWYERS MONDAY SOUGHT TO CAST A SHADOW ON THE LEGALITY OF THE GRAND JURY THAT INDICTED SHAW ON CHARGES HE CONSPIRED TO MURDER PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY. THEY ASKED A JUDGE TO THROW OUT THE INDICTMENT.

THE DEFENSE TEAM LEVELED A MULTI-PRONGED ATTACK AT A PRETRIAL HEARING ON THE METHOD GRAND JURORS ARE SELECTED IN ORLEANS PARISH, HOPING TO PROVE THAT SHAW WAS NOT AFFORDED HIS CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS.

SHAW, A WHITE-HAIRED, 54-YEAR-OLD NEW ORLEANS BUSINESS EXECUTIVE, IS THE ONLY MAN CHARGED IN DIST. ATTY. JIM GARRISON'S CONTROVERSIAL PROBE INTO THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY. HE WAS INDICTED MARCH 22.

ATTORNEYS ASKED THE 12 MEMBERS OF THE GRAND JURY THAT INDICTED SHAW IF ANY HAD EVER CONTRIBUTED TO TRUTH AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEW ORLEANS, INC., THE ORGANIZATION FORMED BY PRIVATE CITIZENS TO FINANCE GARRISON'S INVESTIGATION. ALL TESTIFIED THEY HAD NOT.

AFTER HEARING THE LAST JUROR, THE 23RD WITNESS OF THE DAY, JUDGE HAGGERTY RECESSED AT 6 P.M. UNTIL 10:30 A.M. TUESDAY.

SHAW'S ATTORNEYS ATTEMPTED TO PROVE THREE MAIN POINTS: THAT WOMEN ARE SYSTEMATICALLY EXCLUDED FROM GRAND JURY SERVICE, THAT NEGROES ARE SYSTEMATICALLY INCLUDED, AND THAT DRAWINGS FROM THE JURY WHEEL MAY BE ILLEGAL.

THE HEARING ON THE MOTION TO DISMISS THE INDICTMENT WAS THE LAST PRE-TRIAL ACTION BEFORE THE COURT. JUDGE HAGGERTY SAID BEFORE THE HEARING HE WOULD RULE ON THE MOTION BY SEPT. 13. SHOULD IT BE AGAINST SHAW, IT APPEARED LIKELY THAT HIS TRIAL COULD BEGIN THIS MONTH OR EARLY IN OCTOBER.

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