

Shaw Lawyers To Decide on New Witnesses

Attorneys for Clay L. Shaw have until tomorrow to decide whether they will call any more witnesses in an attempt to get their client's trial moved at least 100 miles from New Orleans.

Yesterday another 40 persons testified in the change of venue hearing for Shaw, who Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison has charged with conspiracy to murder President John F. Kennedy.

THEIR NAMES WERE drawn from the parish jury wheel to testify as prospective jurors as to whether pre-trial publicity in the case would prevent them from giving Shaw a fair trial.

Of the 40, there were 31 who said they could give Shaw a fair trial, eight who said they had fixed opinions and one who was excused because of age.

On Monday, 40 others testified, and out of the two-day total of 80 there were 65 who told the court they could give Shaw a fair trial. Thirteen said they had fixed opinions. Two were excused, one be-

cause of age, the other because he said he didn't understand the legal questions involved.

IF SHAW'S attorneys decide to call more witnesses, the district attorney's office will also be given an opportunity to call additional witnesses.

This appears unlikely, however. Sources close to both sides said they do not expect any more witnesses to be called.

Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr. indicated he will submit a written decision in the case when the hearing is completed and when he has read and viewed the myriad of news stories, television transcripts and films presented as evidence.

THE HEARING for 55-year-old Shaw, a retired businessman and playwright, began three weeks ago with the testimony of numerous news media executives and newsmen.

Then a week's delay resulted while Judge Haggerty considered the defense attorney's motion to subpoena the entire list of names in the jury wheel, about 1,300 persons. The request was denied and the hearing resumed Monday.

Shaw's attorneys had asked for the hearing on grounds that excessive publicity has prejudiced their client's chances to receive a fair trial within a 100-mile radius of New Orleans.