

Letter of DA Introduced by Shaw Lawyers

Defense attorneys for Clay L. Shaw filed into evidence today in their plea for a change of venue a letter Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison wrote to the Federal Communications Commission.

The letter, the attorneys said, states that Shaw failed to submit to a lie detector test.

Shaw, who Garrison has charged with conspiring to kill President John F. Kennedy, is asking that his trial be moved at least 100 miles from New Orleans. He claims that prejudicial publicity disseminated by Garrison would prevent his getting a fair trial here.

The letter, the attorneys told Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr., adds to the unfavorable publicity concerning Shaw.

Garrison wrote the letter in response to a National Broadcasting Co. program which criticized the DA for the methods employed in conducting his investigation into the assassination of the President.

In court today, Shaw's attorneys told the judge they had no more witnesses to present in the change of venue hearing and oral arguments were scheduled for Tuesday.

JUDGE REGGIE PUSHES TIE

Kennedy-McKeithen National Ticket Urged

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BATON ROUGE—Crowley City Judge Edmund Reggie has suggested to Sen. Robert F. Kennedy that Louisiana Gov. John J. McKeithen would be a good running mate for him if he wins the Democratic presidential nomination.

Reggie said the New York senator's response was warm. The judge declined to go into details.

Reggie, who will be host to Kennedy during a visit to Louisiana next month, said he also discussed the proposal with McKeithen on several occasions. He reported the governor was flattered but noncommittal.

THE LOUISIANA GOVERNOR already has declared that the state delegation to the national convention in Chicago, which is Kennedy's crucial hurdle, will be pledged to President Lyndon B. Johnson.

McKeithen has not been one of Kennedy's supporters.

However, Reggie, who supported McKeithen for governor in 1964 and who was a campaign cochairman for the late President John F. Kennedy in 1960, said he took the initiative in broaching a possible coal-

ition between the Northern liberal and the Southern moderate.

The Crowley judge said that McKeithen has a national record of accomplishment in race relations and dealing with urban problems.

THE SENATOR AND THE governor differ widely on the Vietnam war issue, with Kennedy in the role of dove and McKeithen a hawk in supporting President Johnson on this point.

There have been frequent reports in Baton Rouge about McKeithen's ambitions at the vice-presidential level and many political observers believe he has been setting the stage for a bid in 1972.

McKeithen and Vice-President Hubert Humphrey have gotten together on several occasions, generating talk that the Louisiana governor might try to run with Humphrey four years from now. The governor has shrugged off talk about the vice-presidency, saying the office seeks the man, not the man the office.

M'KEITHEN AND HUMPHREY are expected to meet again when the vice-president comes to Baton Rouge in April to speak at a labor convention.

McKeithen has been invited to the Kennedy affair but has not yet accepted.

A Kennedy-McKeithen tieup is seen by Reggie as a mean of lining up support for the senator where he probably is weakest in the nation — the South.