

A United States District Judge in New Orleans granted a temporary restraining order on Tuesday [28 May] to prevent prosecution in state courts of Clay Shaw, who has been charged with conspiring to murder the late President Kennedy. Mr. Shaw, who has been free on bond since his arrest some 14 months ago, had been scheduled to go on trial in New Orleans on June 11. Mr. Shaw is being prosecuted by New Orleans District Attorney James Garrison, and on Tuesday a member of Mr. Garrison's staff said that the restraining order is "totally unprecedented in federal and state relations." He also said that the order "dampened my optimism about bringing Shaw to trial."