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3-Judge Panel Named to Hear Shaw Petition

A three-judge federal panel was appointed today to hear Clay L. Shaw's bid to head off his trial in state court on charges of conspiring to kill President John F. Kennedy.

Named to the panel were Judge Robert A. Ainsworth Jr. of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals and District Judges Frederick J. R. Heebe and James A. Comiskey.

JUDGE HEEBE last week granted Shaw a temporary restraining order preventing District Attorney Jim Garrison from prosecuting him until the three-judge panel could hear the case. Shaw had been scheduled to go on trial June 11.

The panel was appointed by John R. Brown of Houston, presiding judge of the Fifth Circuit.

Shaw went into federal court after state courts had turned down all efforts to prevent his going to trial.

SHAW **CONTENDS** his rights have been violated by Garrison, that several state laws under which he has been prosecuted are unconstitutional, and that the Warren Commission Report on the President's assassination should be declared valid and admissible in evidence in all courts.

The report says Lee Harvey Oswald, acting alone, killed the President in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963. Garrison charges Shaw conspired with

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Oswald and others to kill Kennedy.

Tomorrow, Shaw's attorneys will begin taking depositions from several of Garrison's assistants, as ordered by Judge Heebe. The first will be investigator Louis Ivon.

The depositions will be taken in the office of Shaw counsel William J. Wegmann, room 2106 of the American Bank Building.