

DA Won't Head Shaw Trial

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District Attorney Jim Garrison will not personally prosecute Clay L. Shaw in his trial next week on charges of conspiring to kill President Kennedy.

Assistant DA James L. Alcock said today Garrison will make "intermittent but rare" courtroom appearances in the trial, scheduled to begin next Tuesday.

ALCOCK WILL SERVE AS chief counsel for the state during the trial, assisted by Andrew Sciambra, Alvin Oser and William Alford.

Asked why Garrison will not handle the case himself, Alcock said, "I'd rather you ask him that."

When a reporter pointed out that Garrison is rarely accessible to newsmen, Alcock said, "You'll see him before the trial starts."

Since Garrison became DA in 1962, he has rarely prosecuted cases in person. He has said in the past he feels the district attorney should be an administrator and leave courtroom work to his assistant.

"IT'S EASY FOR A DA to come to a big murder trial, snap his suspenders and make a big play to the press. But it's not the way to run a good DA's office," Garrison once told a reporter.

Garrison also has been quoted as saying he fears an attempt on his life in connection with the probe of the assassination of President Kennedy.

There were reports from sources close to the DA's office that Garrison plans to make the opening statement to the jury in the Shaw trial.

ALSO TODAY, A Newsweek Magazine reporter said Garrison's office "is trying to make it appear we've done something wrong" in interviewing witnesses in the Shaw case.

Hugh Aynesworth, of the magazine's Houston bureau, told the States-Item he and another reporter, Ken Biffel, have been in New Orleans working on the case but have violated no law.

Alcock yesterday said he will instigate an Orleans Par-

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ish Grand Jury investigation into complaints of witnesses that the two newsmen and private investigator William Gurvich have been questioning them.

ALCOCK SAID TODAY HE plans to question the witnesses closely to see if anyone has been trying to "color their testimony."

He said he particularly wants to know where the newsmen got statements the witnesses previously gave the DA's office. Aynesworth termed this charge "ridiculous."

Aynesworth confirmed that Gurvich, who formerly worked on the Kennedy assassination probe with District Attorney Jim Garrison, has "given me some help" in work on the Shaw case.

GURVICH SAID TODAY HE PLANS to confer with his attorney and will have no comment until then.

Aynesworth said he is "concerned with this new attempt by Garrison's office to interfere with freedom of the press. All newsmen should be."

Alcock acknowledged there is no law against talking to witnesses but said he is concerned about the source of statements he said the reporters possessed. Asked about the possibility of a leak in the DA's office, Alcock said: "WE'RE LOOKING into that, too."

Alcock said the reporters had the names of some witnesses "even some of our staff doesn't know about."

Trial Guidelines Set Down by Judge

Criminal District Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr. today laid down a set of guidelines for participants in the trial of Clay L. Shaw, scheduled to begin next Tuesday.

Among other things, the judge banned release of questions and answers propounded to potential jurors "that might tend to discourage future jurors from accepting service on the jury."

Other highlights of the judge's five-page order included:

—No photos may be taken or sound recording devices used anywhere in the courtroom.

—All entrances to the courtroom must be kept clear for free access by trial participants.

—All persons in the courtroom must be seated.

—No one may enter or leave the courtroom during testimony. Entry and exit must be during official recesses or between witnesses.

—Credentials issued to news media are not transferable.

—Only trial participants will be allowed within the rail separating the spectators' section from the area in front of the judge.

—Exhibits will not be handled by anyone except court officials.

—No photographs of jurors may be taken anywhere without court permission.

—Lists of names and addresses of prospective jurors will not be released.

—Names and addresses of excused jurors may be published, but detailed questions and answers propounded to prospective jurors that might tend to discourage future jurors from accepting service on the jury should not be published.

—Names and addresses of jurors selected can be released after they are selected.



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