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NEW ORLEANS AP — Prosecution and defense lawyers ran out of prospective jurors for the Clay Shaw trial Thursday, still lacking a 12th juror and two alternates after exhausting a record-breaking list of 687 persons in nine days.

Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr. issued a special jury call and put process servers to work ringing doorbells and making telephone calls to round up 150 more veniremen. Fifty-nine prospects were excused Thursday.

"No case in the history of Orleans Parish Criminal District Court has ever called this many jurors," Haggerty said.

He ordered the unusual special call after state and defense had gone through all available court panels attempting to get a jury to try the state's charge that Shaw, 55, a retired businessman, conspired to murder President John F. Kennedy five years ago.

By far the greatest number of persons excused could not afford the financial loss—since the parish doesn't pay jurors—or had fixed opinions.

Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison ordered his staff to renew a court fight in Washington to obtain secret autopsy data on Kennedy for the trial.

A Garrison assistant, Numa Bertel, said pleadings would be filed Friday before Judge Charles Halleck of General Sessions Court in Washington. Halleck rejected a Garrison subpoena for the records Jan. 17, saying he had to have proof of Garrison's "crossfire claim" before ordering the National Archives to release the material.

Garrison contends Kennedy was fired upon from more than one direction when he was killed Nov. 22, 1963, in Dallas, Tex.

The Warren Commission found that Kennedy was shot twice from behind.

The commission also concluded that Lee Harvey Oswald alone shot and killed Kennedy. An Orleans Parish grand jury in 1967 indicted Shaw on a charge of conspiring with Oswald and others to murder Kennedy.

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