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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
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"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 KENNEDY FIVE YEARS AGO.

THE NEW VENIREMEN WERE TO APPEAR IN COURT FRIDAY -- THOSE WHO COULD BE FOUND. CHIEF PROSECUTOR JAMES L. ALCOCK SAID AFTER COURT ADJOURNED THAT IT SEEMED LIKELY THE JURY SELECTION WOULD SPILL OVER INTO NEXT WEEK.

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FIFTY-NINE PROSPECTIVE JURORS WERE EXCUSED THURSDAY.

AFTER THE LAST MAN SLID INTO THE HIGH-BACKED, MARGON PLASTIC
UPHOLSTERED WITNESS CHAIR, HIS ANSWERS TO KEY QUESTIONS RAISED THE

FLEETING POSSIBILITY HE MIGHT BECOME JUROR NO. 12.

BUT HE WAS EXCUSED BY THE JUDGE AFTER CHIEF DEFENSE COUNSEL F.

IRVIN DYMOND TRIED TO GO INTO WHETHER THE POTENTIAL JUROR HAD AN

OPINION ABOUT WHETHER SHOTS WERE FIRED FROM ONE OR MORE DIRECTIONS IN

THE ASSASSINATION.

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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 OR PROFESSED "UNDUE CONCERN" ABOUT THEIR FAMILYES MIGHT HINDER THEIR ABILITY TO SERVE.

DIST. ATTY. 5TH GRAF.

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