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Chances for Juror Pay Enhanced by Shaw Trial

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Pay for criminal district court jurors in Orleans Parish has a good chance of becoming a reality after the conspiracy trial of Clay L. Shaw.

Three criminal court judges met with six city councilmen this morning to discuss the matter, and emerged from the closed session with optimism.

Council president Moon Landrieu said, "the council seems to be of the unanimous opinion that as soon as new revenues are forthcoming we will provide pay for Orleans jurors."

UNDER the plan, \$10 a day

would be paid to jurors at an annual total cost of an estimated \$25,000. Most criminal courts in Louisiana already pay jurors.

Councilman James A. Moreau has earlier introduced an ordinance to appropriate the money but said today he will withdraw it for redrafting. "We hope to get it passed right after the Shaw trial," he said.

Moreau said he wants to redraft the ordinance so that it excludes governmental em-

ployes who are paid for civil leave while serving on juries.

"ALSO, it's obvious that \$25,000 would not be enough to take care of the Shaw jurors."

Shaw is on trial on charges of conspiring to kill Pres. John F. Kennedy. Twelve jurors and two alternates have been picked and are expected to be tied up with the trial for over a month. There is no provision now for jurors to be paid.

Said Landrieu, "the judges impressed upon us the necessity of providing pay for jurors."

CITY councilman Clarence O. Dupuy was the only council member absent from the meeting. The judges present were Frank J. Shea, Oliver Schulingkamp and Matthew Braniff.

Judge Shea said, "\$25,000 a year would appear to be adequate. You know, we're the last district court in the state to pay jurors even though we handle fifty per cent of all the state's criminal business."

Center of Conspiracy Trial Popular, Successful Man

Clay Shaw, the man accused of conspiring with others to kill President John F. Kennedy, had been known to most people until his arrest as the retired managing director of the International Trade Mart.

But Clay Shaw is a man who has managed to combine his professional career with broad outside interests.

He probably is the most successful individual restorer of French Quarter property. He is a playwright of moderate success. He loves theater, good food and fine music. He is an avid reader, a world traveler and fluent in several languages. And he is popular in a large circle of friends.

BORN IN Kentwood, Shaw moved with his family to New Orleans when he was five. His grandfather at one time was sheriff of Tangipahoa Parish.

His mother, Mrs. Alice Shaw, lives in Hammond, where Shaw spends much of his time since the death of his father over two years ago.

During World War II, Shaw served as aide-de-camp to Brig. Gen. C. O. Thrasher,

and during the battle of France was Thrasher's deputy chief of staff. He was named a Chevalier of the Order of the Crown of Belgium and the French government bestowed on him the "Chevalier de l'Ordre du Merite Commercial."

DISCHARGED IN 1946 with the rank of major, Shaw spent a brief period in New York City, where he was engaged in producing plays. Then he returned to New Orleans to join ITM, serving for 18 years until his retirement in 1965. During that period he became the close friend of mayors, politicians, businessmen, socialites and artists.

After his retirement he traveled to Europe where he received permission from the widow of a Spanish playwright to translate one of his plays. The manuscript was turned over to his literary agent in New York.

At the time of his arrest nearly two years ago, he was working on a play.