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## Opponent Says DA Foiled by Good People

District Attorney candidate Charles Ray Ward told a rally last night incumbent Jim Garrison's efforts to convict Clay Shaw were rightly foiled "when 12 good old New Orleans people stood up for justice."

Ward, addressing a rally at his headquarters, 343 Carondelet, said "the 12 jurymen who found Shaw innocent were not members of the Central Intelligence Agency, the Federal Bureau of Investigation or the Internal Revenue Service. They were just plain New Orleans people."

**RECALLING VETERAN** newsmen told him before the jury brought in its verdict "that there would be a guilty verdict because the jury would not know the difference between innuendo and hard facts," Ward said:

"The Clay Shaw fiasco will one day be considered a landmark case because it will show the best defense against oppression and persecution is the jury system of the U.S. and the basic American adherence to fair play and decency."

Ward told the rally the

major issue in the campaign reelected to retry Clay Shaw.

"**IT IS AN ISSUE** because Jim Garrison says he is going to continue his investigation," Ward said. "He is going to retry Shaw for perjury and indicated the other day that additional charges are going to be filed against Shaw."

Ward said he doesn't believe New Orleans can stand is whether Garrison will be "another four years of the same investigation, the same trial, the same bizarre press releases."

**HE ADDED, "ON Nov. 8** the same New Orleans brand of common sense that saved Clay Shaw with an innocent verdict reached in less than an hour will end the reign of

Jim Garrison as DA in this city."

"The Shaw case is one more reason to be thankful for our jury system and the innate sense of justice demonstrated by the average citizen," Ward said. "It is this innate sense of justice that men like Garrison fear the most."