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NEW ORLEANS AP - The Judiciary Commission of Louisiana said Tuesday it will investigate the conduct of Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr. to determine whether it will ask the State Supreme Court to remove him from the bench.

Haggerty, the Criminal District Court judge who presided at the Clay Shaw conspiracy trial, was acquitted last week on charges of obscenity, soliciting for prostitution and resisting arrest.

The charges followed the arrest of Haggerty and 13 others by a police vice squad at a New Orleans motel Dec. 17.

The decision of the judiciary commission was announced by Robert E. LeCorgne Jr., chief executive officer.

"The commission did meet this morning and decided to investigate the conduct of Judge Haggerty," he said.

LeCorgne, also Louisiana's judicial administrator, said that after the investigation has started it will be determined whether a hearing will be held on Haggerty's conduct. He said such a hearing would be confidential.

The commission can recommend removal or voluntary retirement of Haggerty if it finds him unworthy to remain on the bench.

The commission is composed of seven members, including four state judges. The decision to investigate the case was made by the judges. The three nonjudge members were not present at the meeting.

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