

French Market, Tourism Cited

Shaw Lauds Restoration

French Market Project Manager Clay L. Shaw sees the forthcoming \$2.5 million renovation and restoration of the French Market as a symbolic move in the right direction for New Orleans.

Shaw told the Press Club Newsmaker Luncheon that New Orleans has no business aspiring to become a major manufacturing or distribution center such as Atlanta or Dallas, but should try to encourage its two major income sources—the port and tourism.

Tourism, he said currently brings in \$250 million a year. He said the typical tourist spends five days here.

"IF WE CAN encourage that same tourist to stay one more day we will have gained a \$60 million increase in our economy."

He noted that Chamber of Commerce President Eads Poitevent said over the weekend New Orleans should expect more and more of the status quo.

Shaw pointed to the similarity of his feelings and Poitevent's.

"Unless we concentrate on developing what we have now we will tend to disperse our efforts."

Shaw said three of the present French Market Buildings which were erected in 1912, and restored by the WPA in 1937, will again be restored.

IN ADDITION, he said, two more

buildings will be built, and in one of these will be a family-style seafood restaurant.

He said the French Market would be an ideal location for displaying merchandise, superior to merchandise centers in Atlanta, San Francisco and Los Angeles.

In response to a question as to

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whether he intended to spend money he might glean from his suit against District Attorney Jim Garrison, on French Market bonds, Shaw said "I have not thought that far ahead."

He said the matter is still before the courts so he preferred not to discuss the litigation. The Supreme Court of the United States has held that he may sue Garrison in conjunction with alleged malicious prosecution and a \$5 million suit is pending.

Action Is Delayed On O'Hara Petition

The judges of Criminal District Court today delayed action for two weeks on a petition by fellow Judge Malcolm V. O'Hara for permanent retirement due to mental incapacity.

Meeting behind closed doors, the nine judges said they were postponing a decision while three psychiatrists continue their examination of Judge O'Hara, who has been a patient at DePaul Hospital since Feb. 21.

Attorneys for Judge O'Hara earlier this month asked for approval of the disability retirement and a \$22,000 annual pension on the grounds that the 48-year-old jurist is "mentally incapacitated from properly performing the judicial duties."

In a statement issued following today's hour-and-45-minute hearing, the judges said:

"At the last en banc meeting of the judges of the Criminal District Court on March 15, 1972, it was requested by the court that the medical association appoint three qualified psychiatrists of its own choosing to examine Judge Malcolm V. O'Hara in connection with his petition for retirement and to report their findings to the court at the hearing to be held on this petition.

"Since the doctors have not had sufficient time to complete their examination and report, the hearing set for today will be held in open court

in approximately two weeks."

The judges did not name the examining psychiatrists.

IN A STATEMENT FILED BY THE ATTORNEYS FOR Judge O'Hara, it was claimed that the judge is neurotically crippled and "a return to his duties as a jurist would no doubt seriously aggravate these difficulties . . . (and) would be patently detrimental to the public."

The Section A bench formerly occupied by O'Hara is being filled temporarily by Judge William T. Bennett of the 20th Judicial District in Clinton.