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Shaw Charges Called 'Ghostly'

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Clay L. Shaw's defense lawyers today attacked the Kennedy death plot charges against him as "ghostly, evasive and indefinite."

The attack was made in legal memoranda filed by defense attorneys in support of

three motions seeking to suppress evidence against Shaw, gain the return of seized property and force the district attorney's office to lay bare its case against the defendant.

Shaw, a 54-year-old retired New Orleans businessman, is

charged by DA Jim Garrison's office with plotting in September of 1963 to murder President John F. Kennedy at Dallas. He is free on \$10,000 bond awaiting trial.

DEFENSE LAWYERS have

filed a series of motions attacking the validity of the state's case. Fifteen days ago, Judge Edward A. Haggerty gave the defense until today to file memoranda in support of its pleadings.

Defense counsel Salvatore Panzeca met the deadline with three detailed briefs. The defense contended in the documents filed today that the DA's men had no right to search Shaw's French Quarter home March 1 and seize five boxes of personal belongings and papers.

"THE EVIDENCE seized was not seized in connection with a valid arrest," the defense declared.

In support of its pleadings for a full disclosure of information upon which the Shaw indictment was based, the defense declared:

"Among the only defenses to a charge of conspiracy are

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that meetings and agreements did not take place, and that if they did take place the defendant was not there.

"Under these circumstances, the defense of alibi becomes of paramount importance. Counsel for defendant are at a loss to see how a defense or alibi could possibly be utilized in the face of such a ghostly, evasive and indefinite charge as the one with which the defendant is presently faced."

Judge Haggerty gave the state until July 14 to file an answer to the new memorandum.