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JURY SELECTION

Jack Ruby Trial To Start Monday

Balding, squat Jack Ruby goes on trial for his life Monday for the bizarre slaying of Lee Harvey Oswald, Marxist and accused assassin of President John F. Kennedy.

Dist. Atty. Henry Wade made last minute preparations, calling in the entire staff of the district attorney's office for a briefing on the trial.

Their ranks reduced by one, attorneys for the Dallas night club operator spent Saturday in secret conferences, plotting defense strategy at the Southern Methodist University Law Library.

As the actual trial neared, ranks of the defense suffered a split as Dallas attorney Tom Howard withdrew from Ruby's defense team.

The Dallas attorney—the first lawyer to come to Ruby's aid—announced no reason for his withdrawal. He only said he no longer wanted his name connected with the defense.

TRIAL BEGINS MONDAY

Jury selection for Ruby's murder trial begins before Judge Joe B. Brown at 9 a.m. Monday. The defense says the questioning will last only a few days before it becomes obvious a fair jury can not be secured. Mr. Wade has said in two weeks a qualified jury will be selected.

The defense effort to move the trial from Dallas County failed Friday when Judge Brown announced he would first attempt to secure a jury in Dallas. The judge reserved the right to move the trial if after examination of potential jurors it should become

apparent a fair trial can not be secured in Dallas.

Headed by San Francisco attorney Melvin Belli, the battery of defense lawyers claimed that Dallas' leadership saw in Ruby a scapegoat — a man whose conviction would temper the wounds suffered by the city when the President was shot to death Nov. 22.

Intense publicity in Dallas, they contended, make it impossible to find a fair jury in the city. The state countered that the same intense publicity could be found throughout the state — and the nation — and an attempt to empanel a jury should be made in Dallas.

Examination of the potential jurors promises to be exhaustive with the defense admittedly attempting to run through the initial 125-member panel—and more—in an effort to move the trial from Dallas.

TELEVISION ANGLE

It is probable that most of the potential jurors were among millions of television viewers who saw Ruby step from a crowd in the Dallas City Hall basement and trigger a shot into the chest of the handcuffed accused assassin of President Kennedy.

Also probable is that any prospective juror read of the slaying and saw on-the-spot photographs of the slaying—one snapped during the split second of the slaying.

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ing by Times Herald photographer Bob Jackson—in newspapers or magazines.

But Mr. Wade is certain to invoke recent ruling of the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals which say a juror is not necessarily disqualified because of what he read or saw in the various news media.

JURY EXAMINATIONS

Jurors will be examined individually by opposing attorneys, a process that could run well into two weeks if a jury is selected at all.

A key portion of the trial, wherever it is held, will be the confidential report of three doctors who performed neurological tests on Ruby in January.

That report is in the custody of the court and Judge Brown has refused to disclose the results—adding a warning to newsmen not to speculate on the results.

The judge said he had warned attorneys on both sides not to reveal information on the report.

Nevertheless there has been published speculation on the results of the examination. Among these public reports were one which alleged that Ruby had "no significant brain damage" and another that said the examination showed a "two-to-one disagreement between the three doctors"

that Ruby was legally insane at the time of the slaying.

The testimony in Ruby's trial will likely take another two weeks. Mr. Wade said the state's case will take only one or two days. Mr. Belli has said the defense will need a week or 10 days to present Ruby's case. Final arguments and rebuttal testimony could take another two or three days.

An estimated 300 newsmen from throughout the world are expected to be on hand for the trial which has been moved from Judge Brown's small courtroom to the more spacious—200 capacity—courtroom of Judge J. Frank Wilson.

Special credentials were being prepared Saturday and a public address system was being readied for the courtroom to enable reporters to hear every word of the testimony.