

BA

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

9-QUZZED

No Juror Picked on 6th Day

By HUGH AYNESWORTH

Defense attorney Melvin Belli virtually accused a potential juror of not telling the truth Saturday as the sixth day of jury selection failed to produce another juror for the Jack Ruby murder trial.

Judge Joe B. Brown recessed the proceedings at 11:55 a.m. until 9 a.m. Monday.

Nine prospective jurors were questioned in the 2 1/2-hour session, and all were excused by the court.

Belli's outburst was against Marion C. David, a carpenter who lives at 1369 Cheyenne.

David said he saw a rerun of the television coverage of the slaying

of Lee Harvey Oswald last Nov. 24 but had no opinion as to who did the shooting.

He said the TV coverage was nothing more than "a bunch of people moving around . . . I couldn't tell what actually happened.

"I know of no reason in my mind why I couldn't give him a fair trial and be an impartial juror," David said.

The carpenter faced a volley of questions fired by Belli and defense attorney Joe Tonahill.

David answered all without hesitation. He said he didn't know for sure that Oswald was even dead, let alone that Ruby did it.

"If we have to accept this juror, we might as well start this trial in the Supreme Court," Belli shouted.

"This is a good time," he went on, waving his arms and shouting, "to get the polygraph (lie detector) in here."

Brown halted another Belli tirade by simply saying, "Mr. Belli, the court is going to excuse the juror."

Five veniremen said they were opposed to the death penalty. They are Lee Oscar Elder, 4219 Bertrand; John A. House, 10162 Estacado; Mrs. Novlyn T. Ohlson, 8928 Hackney; Mrs. Josephine R. Lee, 2314 Crestridge; and Mrs. Joy Parker, 11506 Coral Hills.

Three others were dropped for having varying degrees of fixed opinions about the case. They are A. C. Phillips, 2804 Southwood; A. B. Garza, 7107 Fillmore, and Leon Cook, 1721 Evergreen.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

1 "The Dallas Morning News" Dallas, Texas

Date: 2-23-64

Edition:

Author:

Editor:

Title: Jack B. Krueger

Character:

or

Classification:

Submitting Office: Dallas

57 MAR 24 1964

File 6-111

144-24016-1
NOT RECORDED
128 MAR 24 1964