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Jury Hunt To Resume For Ruby

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The tedious task of selecting 10 more jurors for the Jack Ruby murder trial will resume at 9 a.m. Monday with principal characters in disagreement on the possibility of getting an impartial jury.

At the end of the first week's proceedings, two college-trained men, 35-year-old Max Causey of Garland and 40-year-old Allen McCoy of Irving, were the only jurors acceptable to the court, the defense and the prosecution.

Defense attorneys, who have a continuing motion for change of venue, claim last week's action (2 accepted out of 48 called) proved that an impartial jury cannot be gleaned in Dallas County.

"You can tell after about five days," said Melvin Belli, who heads Ruby's battery of lawyers, "and we know for sure now that no fair jury can be found here. There's just too much civic pride among the citizens."

Dist. Atty. Henry Wade, head of the prosecution forces, laughed at this.

"That 'two' is misleading," he said. "Actually there were 11 who were qualified of the 48." He was referring to the fact that nine

peremptory challenges were issued last week, two by the state and seven by Belli's side.

Judge Joe B. Brown, hearing the case, makes no bones about the fact he would like jury selection to go faster. In mid-week he accused the defense of "not particularly trying to get a jury."

J. H. Tonahill, Belli's defense aide from Jasper, said he is planning to file a writ with the Texas Supreme Court Monday to halt Judge Brown from seating any juror who witnessed on television the Nov. 24 shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald by Ruby.

County Treasurer Warren Harding said Sunday that jury fees already have cost Dallas County \$3,265—at \$5 a day and \$1 a meal for the several hundred prospective veniremen.

If the trial is moved out of Dallas, this county still will have to pick up the entire financial tab, Harding said.

He estimated it would cost more than \$50,000 to try the controversial case in Dallas, but about double that in another location.

The jury selection is the third big round of the preliminaries.

First round was the appeal for Ruby's release on bond, won by the state. Second round was the change of venue, which was tabbed a prosecution victory despite the fact it is still pending, because the trial has not yet been moved.

Round 4 will be the trial itself, and Round 5, the appeal to appellate court—a certainty if the defendant loses.

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