

4th Ruby Juror Is Selected; Didn't See Shooting on TV

DALLAS, Tex., Feb. 25 (AP). —The fourth juror was selected today for the murder trial of Jack Ruby in Dallas.

He is Luther E. Dickerson, 27, a vice president of a chemical firm.

He testified that he did not see either the original or any re-runs of the televised scene in which Ruby shot Lee Harvey Oswald, the accused assassin of President Kennedy, on November 24.

During Mr. Dickerson's questioning by Chief Defense Counsel Melvin Belli, it was pointed out to him that a newspaper account today reported that a Dallas firm uses the polygraph sometimes in hiring new employes. Mr. Belli asked if that was Mr. Dickerson's firm.

"It could be," Mr. Dickerson replied.

Was Out of Town

Mr. Belli attempted to ask him whether he personally had any part in conducting polygraph tests. A storm of objections came from the prosecution, and District Judge Joe B. Brown sustained them.

Ruby's defense is based on temporary insanity.

Mr. Dickerson is married and has two sons.

He said he was out of town when Oswald was killed and that he had not discussed the shooting with anyone.

Mr. Belli asked him if he had read much about the case, and he said, "Somewhat."

Under questioning, he said he

had read accounts of Ruby's background but that all he remembered was the fact that Ruby came from Chicago to Dallas.

"We Like This Juror"

Before accepting him, Mr. Belli, Assistant Defense Counsel Joe Tonahill and Ruby huddled in a brief whispered conference. Mr. Belli then said, "Mr. Dickerson, we are going to take you out of circulation for a while." Addressing the judge, Mr. Belli said, "We like this juror." District Attorney Henry Wade promptly accepted.

Mr. Dickerson was the 67th person called.

Meanwhile, Ruby's attorneys held in abeyance their decision on whether they will ask the United States Supreme Court to rule on questions in his murder trial which, they claim, arise from the televised scenes of the shooting of Oswald.

The defense contends that anyone who saw the killing on television is ineligible to sit on the jury judging Ruby.

Yesterday, the nine-member Texas Supreme Court voted unanimously against reviewing the decision of Judge Brown against excluding from the jury persons who witnessed the slaying of Oswald on television.

Three Alternatives Seen

Defense attorneys said three alternatives are still open to attempt to obtain court rulings on this question:

1. To go "immediately" to the United States Supreme Court.

2. To go before the Texas Supreme Court tomorrow and ask to be heard orally.

3. To continue the trial in Dallas and "wait until the case is over and then, in the event of an adverse verdict, make our appeal."

At the outset of today's session, Mr. Belli suggested that Dr. Karl Menninger of Topeka, Kans., be called in as an impartial member of a panel that is examining Ruby on the question of sanity. The defense attorney said he understood the three doctors on the panel would be glad to have the assistance of Dr. Menninger, a widely known psychiatrist.

Judge Brown said the matter would be taken up at another time.

Test Results Asked

The defense then demanded that it be given the results of a brain wave test that has been made on Ruby. The court revealed that the records are now in the hands. Mr. Wade, who said he would be glad to produce them tomorrow.

"We'll have to take that up in chambers," Judge Brown said.

The trial is in the second week of jury-picking.

Sworn in yesterday was an attractive, dark-haired mother of six children, Mrs. Mildred McCollum. She is a secretary and her husband is a machinist. Since some of her children are under 16 years old, she could have claimed exemption from jury duty.

During questioning by defense lawyers, Mrs. McCollum said she knew this. She was not asked why she chose not to claim the privilege.

The mother, who turned 40 last Saturday, said she had seen a portion of the televised re-run of Ruby's killing of Oswald.

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- Belmont
- Mohr
- Casper
- Callahan
- Conrad
- DeLoach
- Evans
- Gale
- Rosen
- Sullivan
- Tavel
- Trotter
- Tele Room
- Holmes
- Gandy

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- The Washington Post and Times Herald
- The Washington Daily News
- The Evening Star
- New York Herald Tribune
- New York Journal-American
- New York Mirror
- New York Daily News
- New York Post
- The New York Times
- The Worker
- The New Leader
- The Wall Street Journal
- The National Observer
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A woman spectator's bouffant hairdo is searched for possible weapons by Deputy Sheriff Mrs. Fay Ellis at the entrance to the Ruby trial courtroom in Dallas.—AP Wirephoto.