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Lawyers Battle After Two More Jurors Chosen

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The most violent clash of the Jack Ruby murder trial erupted Tuesday after attorneys chose two jurors in quick succession.

The torrid courtroom exchange pitted Assistant Dist. Atty. William F. Alexander against defense lawyers Melvin Belli and Joe Tonahill.

Alexander and Belli ignored the first attempts of Judge Joe B. Brown to end their shouting match.

The fourth and fifth juror were selected during a more placid morning session.

The jurors:

Luther Dickerson of 2314 Candieberry in Mesquite, 27-year-old vice-president and purchasing agent for Fritz Chemical Co., which manufactures tile.

Douglas J. Sowell of 5716 Glen Forest, 34-year-old mechanic for Braniff International Airways.

Sowell said he has no opinion why Ruby killed Lee Harvey Oswald, a 24-year-old Marxist accused of assassinating President

John F. Kennedy. He said he saw a television "rerun" of the Nov. 24 shooting, which took place while cameras were trained on Oswald in the City Hall basement.

Sowell said, however, that the scenes on his television screen would not affect his verdict. He said he could fairly consider the defense contention that Ruby pulled the trigger while suffering from organic brain damage which caused him to "black out."

Dickerson said he was out of the city when the shooting took place and had not read "too much about it" since he has been busy with Jaycee activities.

Alexander tangled with Belli and Tonahill during questioning of Larry Reynolds, a 26-year-old Cedar Hill resident called as a potential juror.

When defense lawyers challenged the wording of a question, Alexander snapped, "I'm not here to educate the defense."

"That would be difficult for you to do," Belli retorted.

Then Belli referred caustically to previous courtroom comments by the prosecutor and Alexander muttered, "By God," before his voice was drowned out.

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