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Ruby Jury Picking Speeded; Get 2 in 1 Day

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Dallas, Feb. 25—Two Dallas County rarities—a young executive who never saw the Lee Harvey Oswald murder on TV and an airplane mechanic who “lost interest” in the killing “right away after the first few days”—became Jack Ruby’s fourth and fifth jurors today.

Luther E. Dickerson, 27, of Mesquite, vice president in charge of purchasing for a chemical company, explained he missed the shooting and the reruns because “I was out of town.”

He said he was an active worker in the Junior Chamber of Commerce, and apparently this didn't leave him much time for

anything else besides his job. He was the fourth juror chosen.

Has No Opinions

No. 5 was Douglas J. Sowell, 33, a plane mechanic for Braniff Airways. He became disinterested in the case, he said, and had no opinions on the matter.

Ruby faces the electric chair if found guilty, and today he looked like a man who has been thinking about it. He has always

been sallow and sunken-eyed, his skin moist and shiny. Now he looks ill, his color almost green. He merely stared at prospective jurors as they were questioned, expressionless even when something was said that made others in the courtroom smile.

When the jurors were accepted, defense attorney Joe Tonahill said he was “taking them out of



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 Sketch by artist Woodi Ishmael shows Luther E. Dickerson undergoing questioning.

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circulation," and that's exactly what happened to them. Escorted by a bailiff to join the woman and two men already sworn, the new jurors now will be able to talk only to each other and their guards and will have to sleep in the jury dorm provided in the Criminal Courts and Jail Building where Ruby is on trial.

24 Prosecutor at Bat

Chief Assistant DA Bill Alexander took over the questioning today for the first time since examinations started last week and he zipped through the veniremen. He got into a yelling match with defense attorneys Melvin Belli and Tonahill over his questioning on capital punishment.

When Belli objected to the phrasing of the question, Alexander, a sharp-faced, hawk-eyed man, snapped:

"We're not here to educate the defense."

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

Then Belli went into a tirade against Alexander's "insults," referring to a time during Ruby's bail bond hearings when Alexander used the phrase "Jew boy." He said it takes "only four hours for him to become insulting — maybe that's why he has been kept out of the court all this time."

Tonahill Cuts In

Next Tonahill got into the argument, protesting that Alexander had taken "the name of the Lord in vain." Alexander had said something that included the phrase, "by God . . ."

"If he is allowed to take the name of the Lord in vain in Dallas County," Tonahill thundered, "what in the name of heaven can we expect here?"

He warned the judge there would be another outburst from him if Alexander used the Lord's name, adding: "Ah won't tolerate it, no suh!"

Judge Joe B. Brown told Tonahill to sit down and excused the prospective juror then on the

stand for opposing capital punishment.

Getting two men sworn in the same morning broke all speed records for the jury examination so far. They were the 67th and 68th questioned since the trial began a week ago.

The two were accepted during a morning interrupted by an outburst from Tonahill about the district attorney's alleged "abuse" of Negro veniremen, the DA's angry denial, a request from Belli for a psychiatrist's brain-wave testing of Ruby which the judge has turned over to the state, and the usual accusations, objections and arguments which have become routine.

They Come Up Shouting

When a Negro prospective juror was called, Tonahill rose and asked the judge to let the record show that the venireman was "a member of the colored race and we respectfully ask your honor to protect him from further abuse by the district attorney."

As the huge defense lawyer

from Jasper, Tex., made this statement, everybody sitting at District Attorney Wade's table jumped up, objecting.

Jim Bowie, who has been doing most of the tangling with Tonahill until today, when Alexander took over, cried out to the judge, his face red with rage:

"I never saw anything so contemptuous as that last remark from Mr. Tonahill."

Later, Tonahill was asked what he meant by his charges of abuse, since the man hadn't even been questioned yet. Tonahill said it was the "frightening manner" in which another Negro had been questioned yesterday. Nobody seemed to have noticed it except Tonahill.

Only one Negro woman and three Negro men had been called at this time. All were excused almost immediately when they said they opposed the death penalty.

"Too Busy to Discuss It"

Dickerson, a Baptist with two sons, is a solemn-looking, small-boned young man.

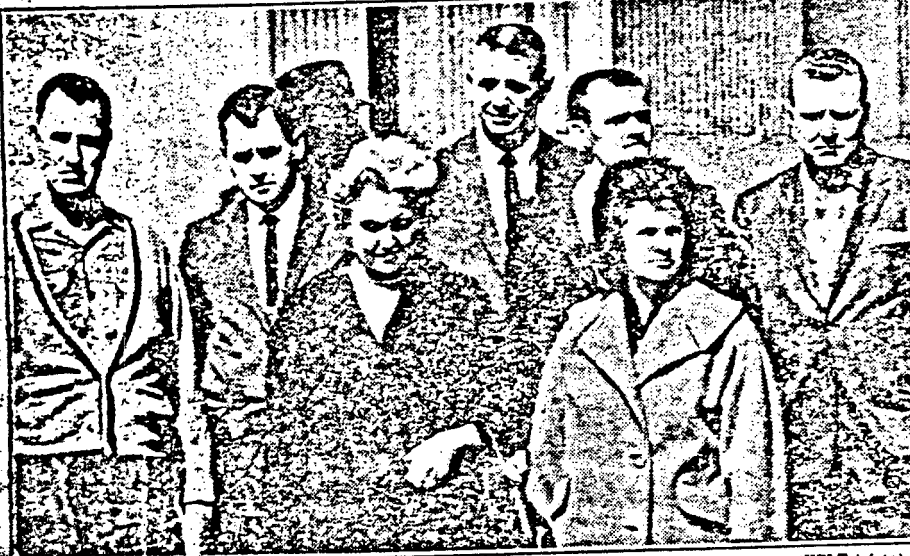
He has "nothing against stripe-tease places" understands ink blot tests, and said that polygraph lie detecting instruments are used in his company on employees. (This was in answer to questions from Belli, who is very high on psychiatric tests and polygraphs.)

Sowell is Baptist, has a 9-year-old daughter and a 6-year-old son, and is a big, genial and relaxed man. He said he didn't think "Dallas had anything to do" with the President's murder and that as a Texan he did not feel defensive about the tragedy.

The only thing he said he remembered of the TV rerun he saw on the Oswald murder was that Ruby "darted, he shot him, and Oswald fell down."

During the morning session seven veniremen were questioned. Besides the two sworn in, four were excused because of scruples against execution, and one because he did not think he could accept a plea of insanity.

In the afternoon session 12 were questioned with six excused because they opposed the death sentence and six were excused for having fixed opinions or for other cause.



(UPI Telefoto)
Lunchtime in Dallas for Ruby jurors. (rear, l to r.) Juror Allan W. McCoy, juror Douglas J. Sowell, juror Be Mabre, juror Luther E. Dickerson and juror Max E. Causey. In front, bailiff, Mrs. Nell Tyler (left), escorts juror, Mrs. Mildred McCollum.