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An All-White Ruby Jury?

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DALLAS: There doesn't appear to be much chance that a Negro will make the Ruby jury.

Four have been questioned among the panelmen and women who have paraded to and from the witness chair,

to answer questions about their qualification. All have been curtly dismissed when they asserted that they do not believe in captal punishment.

Dallas County Criminal Courts Building, where the trial is being held, is not a place to make a Negro feel very much at home. A water fountain just to

the right of the main entrance is labeled WHITE. The ground floor men's room is "For White Men Only."

District Attorney Hank Wade, forimer FBI man who has won the death verdict in 23 out of his past 24 such cases, had not addressed any of the Negroes so far questioned as "Mr." or "Mrs."

Yesterday when Big Joe Tonahill, the Jasper (Tcx.) giant, saw a Negro man being led toward the chair for interrogation, he rose to his full 6-feet-4 and boomed, "Your Honor, let the record show that the venireman is a member of the colored race and we respectfully ask you to protect him from further abuse by the D.A."

The prosecution leaped like four rockets simultaneously leaving their pads.

"I never saw anything so contemptuous as that last remark from Mr. Tonahill," shouted First Assistant D. A. Bill Alexander in the sometimes remarkable grammar of the case.

The panelman sat uncomfortably through this and other hot exchanges. He seemed relieved to get out of there when the time came to assert his feelings about his ability to vote the death penalty.

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JFK's ASSASSINATION has put

money in the pockets of countless persons he never knew existed.

Dallas is supposed to have some kind of "guilt" complex as scene of the crime and of the subsequent murder of the accused assassin. But the city has its share of stores selling photographs of the late President, phonograph albums of his speeches, books, medallions and souvenirs bearing his features.

Mrs. J. D. Tippit, widow of the policeman Oswald killed in the course of his thwarted getaway, has now received about \$600,000 in contributions. It is tax free. Her husband's salary was \$6,000 a year. Contributions amounting to about \$25,000 have been sent to Mrs. Marina Oswald, who is having troubles with her business agent for selling a set of hitherto unpublished pictures of Oswald "too cheap."

Ruby's syndicated explanation of why he killed Oswald did about \$75,000 worth of business. Oswald's mother wants in and swears she'll sue left and right to get her share. Finally, Tom Howard, Ruby's local lawyer who was given the heave-o when Melvin Belli soared into the case, says he's going to write a book entitled "How I Would Have Handled the Ruby Trial" by gum.

RUBY JURORS No. 4 and No. 5, Luther E. Dickerson and Douglas V. Sowell, may conceivably not have brightened the jurors' dormitory when they showed up there Tuesday in quick succession. If it was news of the outside world that the three jurors already in the dormitory were wanting of their two new confreres, there's not much chance they got any.

In qualifying, Sowell said, sure, he had read about President Kennedy getting shot here, and this fellow Oswald a couple days later, "but I lost interest in it after a few days." Dickerson said on the stand that he hadn't seen the shooting of Oswald on TV. "I was out of town," he explained.

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