

Four to Go for Ruby Jury

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

'Jack's Getting Worried,' Says His Attorney

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DALLAS.

A salesman, a bookkeeper, a mailman. Three members were added to the jury in the Jack Ruby murder trial yesterday. Now only four jurors remain to be chosen before this case, the final act of the tragedy that began when President Kennedy was assassinated Nov. 22, can be brought to trial.

But the tedious process is beginning to tell on the waxy-faced, hollow-eyed defendant.

"Jack's giving me a lot of worrying talk. It's not always in context," said chief defense attorney Melvin Belli after a long whispered conversation with Ruby. "He wants to talk about problems of Mrs. Kennedy, or of his family, or something. He constantly needs reassurance."

But, Mr. Belli said, "it looks as if we might get to trial Saturday," and District Attorney Henry Wade agreed with him, as quizzing of prospective jurors moved along briskly.

Later, Judge Joe B. Brown indicated he would skip the Saturday session and begin hearing testimony Monday if the jury is chosen by Friday.

LIKE THE JUROR

The salesman chosen, R. J. Flechtner, 29, from suburban Richardson, seemed to please the defense by his wrinkle-browed pauses before answering the tough question.

Would he like to be tried by jurors in his frame of mind?, asked Mr. Belli.

Mr. Flechtner pressed his lips together. He looked up at the orange-fringed flag of Texas above the witness box. "Yes, sir," he said.

"We like this juror, your honor," said Mr. Belli and the sixth panelist was chosen.

The bookkeeper, Mrs. Gwen L. English, 45, displayed that same matter-of-fact manner which has characterized previous jurors.

Was she offended by some of the things he had said about Dallas? asked Mr. Belli.

A good-natured chuckle. "Not at all. That's your opinion."

She answered the inevitable question: "Would she be satisfied to be tried by jurors in her own frame of mind?" "Yes, sir, I would."

"Good enough for me," said Mr. Belli.

No. 7 was seated.

WENT FISHING

The mailman, J. G. Holton, 31, raised defense eyebrows when he said he was an auxiliary policeman in suburban Grand Prairie. But, on the tragic three November days that started with the President's death and ended with the shooting of his alleged assassin, he said, "I spent the whole weekend fishing."

Moments later he was seated as No. 8.

And so it stood after nine sessions: 94 jurors questioned, 8 seated, 11 of the 15 rights to reject jurors without saying why used up by the Defense (two yesterday), 4 by the prosecution (one yesterday).

Since the trial started the defense has insisted a fair trial is impossible in Dallas.

Yesterday, while Mr. Belli was questioning prospective juror George A. Warren, a retired Western Union employee with a long thin face and a small prim mouth, there was this exchange: Mr. Warren said he believed he could listen to all the evidence and come in with "what you would consider a fair verdict."

"You mean what Mr. Wade might consider?" challenged Mr. Belli.

The panelist pressed his lips together, then retorted sharply, "Or even you."

Mr. Belli was on his feet shouting. "That is the true unconscious feeling of Dallas," he said. "This man says 'even you, an outsider. . . .'"

Mr. Belli again asked for a change in venue and again Judge Joe B. Brown overruled him.

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