Ruby Jury: Only Two More to Go

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DALLAS, Feb. 29.-It's Leap Day and prospects are good that the last two jurors in the Jack Ruby murder case will vault into-and. complete-the jury to decide what price he must pay for killing accused assassin Lee Oswald.

The second Saturday session of what promises to be a lengthy trial begins at 10:30 s.m. (N.Y. time.)

Yesterday's exhausting session produced one juror out of 15 panelmen grilled. There are only nine veniremen left from the original cast of 150 assembled nearly two weeks ago. But Judge Joe B. Brown stocked the stream yesterday by swearing in 44 new veniremen.

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He called 50, as a matter of fact, but dismissed aix of them when they said they had attended earlier court sessions as spectators.

Chief defense attorney Melvin-Belli faces the fill court

day with only two peremptory challenges left to deal with possibly hostlie would-be jurors. The San Franciscan has repeatedy suggested that Dallas is out to send Ruby to the chair to restore its image as a place of liefense. law and order.

He has the two challanges by the grace of Judge Brown, Mr. Belli used his 15th and last looking, Diack Mairen, Elli used his 15th and last lanned former Navy pilot. He regular peremptory yesterday in shooting down Raymond in shooting down Raymond three children and is a Presby-Thiel, a 39-year-old electronics therian, first member of that Thich, a survey of Houston and all-Protestant jury. 60 MAR9

TOO MANY ENGINEERS The Judge promptly announced that he was granting Mr. Belli three additional challenges.

Asked why he did not want Mr. Thiel, a manly looking fellow who said he'd find Ruby innocent if the state does not prove its case conclusively, Mr. Belli said lightly:

"We've already got three engineers in the jury box. This is a case of law. We'de not build-ing a missile."

Mr. Belli spent the first of his bonus challenges on Korea War veteran Emmett Lindsay, a gas station manager who at one point said. "If I couldn't come to some conclusion after hearing all the testimony I don't think I'd yote"

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Ruby looked at least as good if not better than his chief defonse lawyer yesterday. Mr. Belli has been suffering from chest pains the past few years. He had an electrocardiograph Thursday and is due for another one today.

I'm 30 pounds overweight," he told reporters last night, "and damned tired."

Mr. Belli will spend part of tomorrow moving his huge volume of law books and case records from his chaotic suite in the Statler Hilton to a house he has rented for the duration.

EXPERTS AWAITED

Dr. Roy Schafer, Yale Uniersity psychologist, and Dr. Manfred Guttmacher, Baltinore psychiatrist, arrive in Dallas today and will see Ruby when he is available. They will remain here and testify for the

Yesterday's jurer, winnewed out from among 15 questioned, was J. Waymon Rose, 42, a fitis n the furniture business, has

He chailenged defense attorney Melvin Belli's question concerning the desire of the people of Dallas to send Ruby to the electric chair to restore the city's damaged "image" in the wake of JFK's assassination and Ruby's killing of the accused assassin, Lee Oswald.

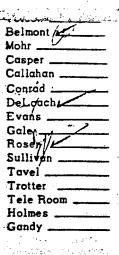
"I think you're rong," he told Mr. Belli, with one of those Texus strongman stares, "Dallas can give any man a fair trial."

As of now the jury has eight married men and two married women. Five are baptists.

One of the women, Mrs. Mildred McCollum, an attractive young mother of six, is a member of a strict sect that does not permit its communicants to wear cosmetics, the Church of the Assembly of God.

The average age of the jury is 36 Buby, a member of a local reformed synagogue, is 52

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