

# 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 a.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 six of them when they said they had attended earlier court sessions as spectators.

Chief defense attorney Melvin Belli faces the 44th court

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

He has the two challenges by the grace of Judge Brown. Mr. Belli used his 15th and last regular peremptory yesterday in shooting down Raymond Thiel, a 29-year-old electronics engineer who is a graduate of the University of Houston and father of three.

### 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'd be not building 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 vote."

### LAWYER AILING

Ruby looked at least as good if not better than his chief defense 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 University psychologist, and Dr. Manfred Guttmacher, Baltimore psychiatrist, arrive in Dallas today and will see Ruby when he is available. They will remain here and testify for the defense.

Yesterday's juror, winnowed out from among 15 questioned, was J. Waymon Rose, 42, a fit-looking, black haired, sun-tanned former Navy pilot. He is in the furniture business, has three children and is a Presbyterian, first member of that church to make the all-white, all-Protestant jury.

He challenged 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 wrong," he told Mr. Belli, with one of those Texas 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. Ruby, a member of a local reformed synagogue, is 52.

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

- The Washington Post and Times Herald
- The Washington Daily News
- The Evening Star
- New York Herald Tribune
- New York Journal-American
- New York Mirror
- New York Daily News
- New York Post
- The New York Times
- The Worker
- The New Leader
- The Wall Street Journal
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