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# Ruby Sick in the Head, Yale Doctor Tells Jury

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Dallas, March 9—Yale psychologist Roy Schafer, first of the professors and doctors called by the defense in its efforts to prove Jack Ruby is legally insane, told Ruby's jurors today that the haggard defendant has an unstable and sick personality and a brain damaged by psychomotor epilepsy.

Dr. Schafer, a clinical psychologist and a City College of New York graduate, examined the strip joint operator for nearly 12 hours before this trial at the request of defense lawyers Melvin Belli and Joe Tonahill.



UPI Telephoto  
Patricia Ann Kohn (stripper Penny Dollar) after testifying.

After 25 minutes of establishing his credentials and the highlights of his career, Dr. Schafer told the jurors: "I came to the conclusion he (Ruby) had organic brain damage and the most likely specific nature was psychomotor epilepsy."

This is a rare form of epilepsy which, the defense says, afflicted Ruby. It sent him into a rage and a black-out when he saw Lee Harvey Oswald last Nov. 24 in the City Hall basement. Ruby shot the accused Presidential assassin without knowing what he was doing, the defense says.

Ruby, said Schafer, was irrational and emotionally unstable. The psychologist, who says Ruby's I.Q. of 109 puts him into the upper 27% of the population, recommended after his examination that the defendant be given electroencephalograph tests which chart brain wave impulses. Such tests, he said, can show brain damage and specific causes. In hot tests he gave Ruby showed

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"confusion, incoherence and misuse of words."

#### Gunshot on Tape

Before the psychologist took the stand, a tape recorder was used to give the eight men and four women jurors the last sounds heard or uttered as President Kennedy's alleged killer was shot by Ruby.

"Have you anything to say in your defense?"

Then, like a punctuation mark to this question, a pop—the gunshot.

#### Heard No "S.O.B."

The question was asked of Oswald by Ike Pappas of TV and radio station WNEW in New York City. The defense called him as a witness to play the recording and to testify about what he heard and saw.

Pappas was standing closer to Ruby than almost anybody else, he said, but he did not hear him call Oswald an s.o.b. when he shot him, as the police testified last week. Pappas' tape recorder did not carry this s.o.b. statement, either.

TV films with sound also were shown to the jurors by Belli and Tonahill. The films recreated the confusion and yelling and panic that hit the basement when Oswald was shot as he was about to be transferred to the county jail.

Earlier today the jurors heard about Ruby from a variety of defense witnesses:

**Barney Ross, former welter-weight champion of the world, who described Ruby's boyhood tantrums and tempers.**

#### Talk of Attack

Penny Dollar, former striptease employe of Ruby, who told about a maniacal beating he gave a cab driver.

George Senator, former roommate of Ruby, who told about Ruby's depression and strange actions after Kennedy's death.

The ex-champ, the little stripper and Ruby's former roommate gave their testimony during the morning session. The usual morning recess was refused by the jurors, who obviously want the trial speeded. Anyone who has seen the cell-like dormitory where they are locked up for the duration could understand their eagerness to cram as much testimony as possible into every day.

Penny, who is 21 and stands about 5 feet 1, was brought from jail above the trial room to give her statements. She is in custody in Orange County on a

charge of possessing marijuana and dangerous drugs.

She told Belli her real name, Mrs. Patricia Ann Kohs, and said she worked for Ruby at his strip joint, the Carousel, for about two weeks. (She is a second generation stripper; her mother was in the same line.) She recalled:

"It was closing time at the club and I was leaving. I had called a cab. Another taxi driver had come there, but the person who called had left. When I got there (outside), Jack was beating his (the cabbie's) head on the sidewalk.

#### Accent: Brooklyn-Dixie

"And then he stopped all of a sudden," Penny continued, "and he said, 'Did I do this? Did I do this?' and acted like he didn't know he had done it. Jack had gotten up."

"What was the cab driver doing?" Belli asked.

"Nothing." He was groaning," Penny said in an accent that sounded something like Brooklyn with an overlay of Southern.

Belli asked her what she thought about Ruby's mental condition and she said: "I'm not a doctor, but in my personal opinion there was something wrong with him, yes."

#### Denies Statement to FBI

Cross-examined by Alexander she said, loud and clear "No. I did not" to his questions about a statement she made to the FBI in which, Alexander said, she reported Ruby knocked a woman downstairs. She firmly denied she told the FBI that Ruby had pummeled the woman's escort "who was smaller than Ruby."

She began to giggle when Alexander asked: "He was proud of his physique, wasn't he? He liked to come to the dressing room and let you feel his muscles? He liked to take his shirt off and show you girls his chest." Penny said yes to all this, trying to laugh.

#### Wishes Ruby Luck

Barney Ross wrung Jack's hand after he gave his testimony, and wished his boyhood pal good luck. The ex-champ, wearing dark glasses because of an old eye injury suffered in a fight, said he came from the same West Side neighborhood in Chicago as Sparky—Ruby's nickname.

"It wasn't the easiest neighborhood to be raised in," said Barney.

Ruby, said Ross, "would get angry and go into tantrums . . . He used to almost turn purple and walk away from us . . . He would holler and scream and stay away a day or two."

#### "Red-Blooded American"

But, said Barney, after the temper displays, in which Jack never fought with anybody or

his rag and "he wouldn't step on a fly or a caterpillar." He was "not a troublemaker," Ross said. He told Tonahill: "He was as patriotic as any red-blooded American could be."

The defense wants to prove Ruby suffered a mental blackout at the time of the shooting. Barney said he suffered a blackout in a fight in San Francisco when he was knocked down in the first round, and fought for five rounds without knowing what he was doing.

Senator, 50, an unemployed postcard salesman, said Jack was "very, very solemn, very moody" after Kennedy was assassinated. He said Jack awoke him at 3 A.M. Saturday, the day after the assassination, and said:

"Why did it have to happen to a lovely family like that?"

He was upset, Senator said, about a full-page black-bordered ad in the morning paper here, highly critical of Kennedy, and about a large billboard poster calling for the impeachment of Chief Justice Earl Warren.

He made Senator accompany him about 4 A.M. to the billboard so pictures could be taken.

"Did you feel Jack was acting nutty at that time?" Tonahill asked, and Senator said: "Yes."

Senator said he overheard Jack tell stripper Karen Lynn Bennett on the phone Sunday morning that he would wire \$25 to her. The only Western Union office for money orders that is open on Sunday is one near City Hall, where Ruby shot Oswald a few minutes after getting the money order.



(UPI Telefoto)  
Former boxer Barney Ross (right) arrives in Dallas court with  
defense attorney Joe Tonahill.