

Prosecutor Poses 3-Minute Question

A prosecutor started asking a question in the Jack Ruby murder trial Wednesday and spectators wondered whether it would ever end.

Assistant Dist. Atty. A. D. Jim Bowie needed almost three minutes (including time for interruptions from the defense) to ask the question while Dr. Robert Stubblefield, a psychiatry professor at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School here, was on the stand.

"Assume Jack Ruby on Nov. 24 was at a Western Union station and was calm, deliberate and normal," Bowie began.

"And assume that he proceeded from there at a normal pace to the basement of the City Hall, at which time he observed Lee Har-

vey Oswald, removed a pistol from his pocket, crouched, and said, 'You rat son of a bitch, you killed the President' and then killed Oswald . . ."

Bowie paused to catch his breath, then resumed the hypothetical question:

"Assume that, as he was grappled to the ground, he said, 'You guys know me. I'm Jack Ruby,' and later, 'I hope the son of a bitch dies.'

"And assume he further stated, 'I would have got off three shots, but you guys prevented me,' and further stated, 'Somebody had to do it and you guys couldn't,' and further stated, 'I first thought about killing him when I saw him at a showup Friday night.'

"Now assuming all this, plus all the historical background you have plus the reports of the doctors, I ask you as an expert on psychiatry whether you can form an opinion whether Jack Ruby was of sound mind and knew the difference between right and wrong and knew the consequences of his acts at that time?"

Dr. Stubblefield needed only a few seconds to reply.

"If I assume these facts, he would know the difference between right and wrong and he would know the nature and quality of his acts," Dr. Stubblefield testified.

★ RUBY TURNS TO READING

While attorneys in the Jack Ruby murder trial were arguing over medical evidence Wednesday, Ruby put on his glasses and became absorbed in a book.

It was titled "The Mind of The Murderer," and was written by psychiatrist Dr. Manfred Guttmacher, star witness for the defense.