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Night Session Set As Judge Seeks to Get Case to Panel

By Preston McGraw DALLAS, March 13 (UPI) A point-by-point debate over the Judge's instruction's to the jury today stalled Jack Ruby's murder trial in its closing moments, forcing night session.

Despite objections to the Court's charge to the jury, Judge Joe B. Brown said he planned to issue his instructions, have the final arguments and give the case to the jury tonight. Night session was called for 8:30 p.m. (EST).

Television networks, with approval, stood by to televise the verdict as they had the shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald.

Ruby's lawyers found 40 objections in the first four pages of the 11-page charge to the jury and were arguing every one before going on to the next seven pages. Accused of Stalling

The hubbub swirled up and down the corridors as court was recessed.

Attorneys held impromptu press conferences in the hallways as Judge Brown ambled from one to the other, cheerfully hearing the defense denounce his charge as a "cold blooded murder" charge drawn up by the District Attorney.

District Attorney Henry Wade's assistants accused the defense of "stalling." Wade said there nothing wrong with the charge—it is the same as those given at previous trails.

[As an example of the defense objections, the Associated Press reported, Judge Brown had proposed to instruct the jury to consider "the previous relationship, if any, existing between the accused and the deceased."

1"Said statement," the defense complaint read, "is prejudicial in light of the enormous publicity concerning a relationship between Jack Ruby and the accused assassin of the President of the United States and for the further reason that there is no evidence of any relationship between the defendant and the deceased and to allow this statement to go before the jury would be charging the jury on some law that is hot sup-See RUBY, AS, Col. 7

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A. Gibbs of Chicago.

television station KRLD asked out. Ruby in writing how he felt. Ruby wrote: "Confused."

"Contused." "Do you think you will be acquitted?" "Yes," Ruby wrote.

The haggard, tense-looking defendant said he wanted to testify in his own defense but He said District Attorney his attorneys "know better."

The 66th and final witness in the 22-day-old trial capped the defense argument.

Dr. Gibbs of Chicago, a specialist in electroencephalogram (brain wave) readings, testified .that Ruby suffers from a "particular, very rare" form of epilepsy that causes blackouts.

But Gibbs, whose theories formed the basis of the defense insanity <u>nles</u>, had "no opinion" on whether the 52year-old striptease club oper-جباده المراجع

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Rabbi Hillel Silverman said that the verdict would be tele-Judge Brown announced the 52-year-old defendant was "fit to be tied" in his cell. (CBS) will record it live—as the was unhappy over the last (CBS) will record it live—as A. Gibbs of Chicago. of Oswald.

"He thinks Gibbs harpooned him," said the rabbi. But Ruby publicly predicted acquittal. During a lengthy recess, Wes Wise, a newsman for Dallas Brown saw fit to keep them

Prosecution and defense attorneys are allowed two hours each for final argument before the case goes to the jury. Chief Defense Attorney Melvin Belli boasted that he

He said District Attorney Wade "led" the Court into the errors.

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