

AFTER 50 YEARS

Dispatcher Can Recall Top Stories

Floyd (Sonny) Kemp, Western Union telegraph operator, completed 50 years of service with that organization Friday, working on one of his biggest assignments — the Jack Ruby murder trial.

Kemp is supervising Western Union's handling of press copy in the Records Building, where reporters from all over the world have gathered to cover the case.

In his long service, Kemp has flashed the words of reporters on many big stories, including numerous national Democratic and Republican conventions, the Texas City disaster, the formation of the United Nations in San Francisco, the New London school explosion and scores of sporting events.

Kemp was presented a watch Friday by Western Union district manager L. R. Wilcox. It was an "on the job" ceremony, performed in the Ruby trial press room amid the clatter of teletype machines.

RUBY TRIAL

Wade Sees Long Term As Victory

Dist. Atty. Henry Wade said Friday he would regard a long prison term in the Jack Ruby murder trial as a prosecution victory.

Wade said, however, that he thinks Ruby should die in the electric chair and hopes jurors will assess the death penalty.

The district attorney's comment came when a reporter asked if he sincerely believed Ruby should forfeit his life because he shot Lee Harvey Oswald, the Marxist accused of assassinating President John F. Kennedy.

Wade replied:

"I wouldn't have asked for the death penalty if I hadn't thought it appropriate. I would vote it if on the jury myself. But I would regard a life term or other long sentence as a victory.

Wade said he would regard a jury deadlock as the "worst possible" conclusion for the month-long trial.