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State Asks For Death Penalty

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American Justice On Trial, Panel Told by Prosecution

By Arthur Everett DALLAS, March USaturday) (AP)-Jack Ruby's murder case went to a jury at 2:05 a.m. (EST) today after the state made an im-!! passioned plea for the death penalty in the slay-

ing of Lee Harvey Oswald. The defense, on the other hand, asked that Ruby be turned free despite his slaying of the accused presidential assassin because he is a "very, very sick man."

Judge Joe B. Brown instructed the jury to select a foreman but to defer their deliberations until later today. The panel had been through a grueling five-hour night session, the first of the

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trial.

District Attorney Henry M. wane ended the states summation of the case by declaring:

"Jack Ruby was a glory secker. He wanted to go down in history as a man who killed an accused assassin . . .

"The Communist world would be happy to know you can commit murder on a handcuffed man in police custody and walk out a free man." D'iense Appeal

By contrast, Chief Defease Attorney Melvin Belli told the jury:

This poor, sick fellow . . and sick he is. And you know in your hearts he is. This man should he turned out. You, can't free him completely, he's had four months in jail.

"He is one of the afflicted, he is sick. Give him a just and fair verdict, compatible with modern science. That's what the world wants to see."

A satuding-room-only crowd packed the courtroom for final summations during which defense attorney Joe Tonahili told the jury

take the life of a man with a sick mind and never will." Ruby, who shot Oswald to

opened the state's summation declaying:

"I'm not going to defend "Gswaid to you. I tell you ins -American justice is on trial. American justice had Oswald in its possession. Oswald was entitled to the protection of

the law until the law chose not to protect him but to punish him. He was entitled to

a fair trial." Alexander then wheeled around and pointed a finger at Ruby and shouted:

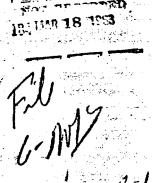
"You denied him the very thing you demand the loudest. How horrible can an act be when you realize he shot a man who was in the hands cuffs. There is no justice in that."

In concluding his summation, Alexander demanded T the death penalty for Ruby N and thundered:

"This is a wanton killing. I tell you Jack Ruby mis-judged public opinion. He N thought he could kill Lee Os-wald and become a hero. He thought he could make money out of it.

"He's nothing but a thrill killer, seeking notoriety. He has mocked American justice T while the spotlight of the T world was on us."

The final testimony of the death Nov. 24, blinked his eyes [trial came yesterday from Dr. Date rapidly as Assistant District Frederic Gibbs of Chicago. Attorney William Alexander, He concluded Ruby's innocent by reason of insanity detense



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by testifying that the night question Brown's interpreta-stud operator suffers from tion of the law before he pre-psychomotor epilepsy. But Dr. sented his finished charge to psychomotor epilepsy. But Dr. Gibbs, an expert on epilepsy. could not say whether Ruby knew right from wrong at the time of the Oswald slaying. The Chicago psychiatrist was the 35th witness called by the defense. The prosecu-

tion used 31 witnesses in the

the jury. They filed 24 type-written pages of objections to the charge as it originally was written. • •

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b) all distribution used 31 witnesses in the trial which began Feb. 17. The trial was delayed for 100 hours yesterday by a pro-longed argument over the Court's charge to the jury, which preceded the summa-tions by both sides. Testimony ended at mid-morning, but it was not until 9:05 p.m. (EST) that Judge Joe B. Brown began his 17-minute charge to a jury of eight men and four women. Defense attorneys took full with any process of the court is announted. Testimony ended to a jury of with any process of the court with any process of the court is announted. The trial was announted. The trial was pro-the jury sets the penalties under the state's charge of murder with malker range from acquittal or a minimum of a two-year of a minimum of a two-year suspended sentence to death in the electric chair. In Texas, the jury sets the penalties under the suspended sentence to death in the electric chair. In Texas, "The reason I am allowing television (and radio) of the with any process of the court with any process of the court in the time it is announted. .