

Jack Ruby Quiet En Route to Jail

Jack Ruby "didn't utter a word" when Sheriff Bill Decker and four deputies rushed him to his cell Saturday after a jury ruled he must die in the electric chair.

The deputies—H. A. Bockemuhl, J. L. Oxford, R. J. Weaver and W. D. Walvoord—formed a human shield around the 32-year-old slayer.

"He didn't utter a word," Decker said later. "He didn't mention the verdict and we didn't say anything about it. We just wanted to get him out of the courtroom as quickly as possible."

Defense lawyer Melvin Belli, who went to the cell to comfort Ruby, said he found the slayer "calm and collected."

"He's a lot calmer than we are," the San Francisco lawyer said. "He mentioned how nice everybody in the county jail had been to him."

Belli's conclusion: "Jack didn't get the full impact of the verdict when he heard it. That's why he has been so calm."

But later, defense attorney Phil Burleson said Ruby told him, Belli and attorney Joe Tonnahill:

"Railroad, railroad, railroad job. . . . I wonder how many other guys have been railroaded out of Dallas?"

Ruby spent a quiet Saturday afternoon and evening.

Jailer David A. English said Saturday night that Ruby appeared "very calm."

"He did seem to be tired from the mental strain, but I haven't noticed any real difference in his appearance," English said.

The jailer said Ruby's visitors included his two sisters, Mrs. Eva Grant of Dallas and Mrs. Eileen Kaminsky of Chicago, and a brother, Earl Ruby, 50-year-old Detroit cleaning firm operator.

Dr. Hillel Silverman, rabbi of Shearith Israel, paid Ruby a visit at 8:45 p.m.

Ruby spent part of the afternoon playing solitaire. English said he ate a "good" supper.

Oswalds Disapprove Of Penalty

Lee Harvey Oswald's mother and widow did not want Jack Ruby to get the death penalty for the Nov. 24 killing of the 24-year-old Communist sympathizer.

Mrs. Marina Oswald, the victim's wife, was quoted in a Dallas News story more than a week ago as saying she did not believe in the death penalty in any case.

"No man has the right to kill another if it is not in wartime," Marina said. "I do not believe he (Ruby) or any other man should be put to death."

Shortly after the sentence was read Saturday, Oswald's mother, Mrs. Marguerite Oswald, said, "I also do not believe in capital punishment. I would have preferred him to get life imprisonment without parole."

She said she was not too surprised at Saturday's verdict. "I think the jury did what it thought best," she said.

"But I believe in 'Thou shalt not kill.' And I have no hatred," she said. "I believe Ruby was a human being just like my son. It's quite possible that life in prison would make him a fine man."

Mrs. Oswald, who has been speaking throughout the nation "in my son's cause," says Ruby was paid to kill her son by another party.

"I'm sure there are more facts to be brought out, and I intend to tell them eventually," she said.

She called her son's role that of "a pawn" in the assassination of President Kennedy.