

## Role of Professor in Case Questioned

Dist. Atty. Henry Wade questioned Wednesday whether University of Texas faculty members should represent Jack Ruby in his fight to escape the electric chair.

Ruby's family announced Tuesday night that Dr. Hubert Winston Smith, a law school professor at the university, would serve as chief defense attorney for the 33-year-old slayer. Dr. Smith said Charles A. Wright, another member of the law school faculty, would work with him.

Wade commented:

"I have always had a high regard for Dean Keeton (Dean W. Page Keeton of the university law school) and was rather surprised to hear that he has no objection to faculty members serving as Ruby's lawyers.

Wade said the announcement that Dr. Smith would serve as chief defense attorney "brought him out into the open."

The district attorney said Dr. Smith has assisted defense lawyers behind the scenes "from the start."

"Dr. Smith is a big buddy of Joe Tonahill (another defense lawyer). Now he'll be helping in the open, instead of behind the scenes," Wade continued.

Wade said Dr. Smith tried unsuccessfully to get Dr. Karl Menninger of the famed Menninger

Clinic to testify as a defense witness also arranged for testimony by Dr. Walter Bromberg, a Baldwinsville psychiatrist.