

RUBY SANITY TRIAL IS WON BY DEFENSE

His 'Mind Is Falling Apart,'
Lawyers Tell Court

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DALLAS, April 27 (AP)—
Jack L. Ruby, described by his
lawyers as a man whose "mind
is falling apart," will get a jury
trial to determine if he is insane
and should be committed to a
mental hospital.

In response to a request for a
sanity trial filed by Mrs. Eva
Grant, Ruby's sister, Judge Joe
B. Brown said he would begin
empanelling a jury at the first
suitable date.

Texas law requires that a
judge hold such a trial if the
defense asks for it.

Ruby, 53 years old, banged his
head against a cell wall yester-
day. He appeared pale and
shaky at a hearing today. An
abrasion the size of a half-dollar
could be seen on the top of his
head.

A psychiatrist testified that
Ruby, convicted as the slayer
of Lee H. Oswald, accused as-
sassin of President Kennedy, be-
lieves his crime has resulted in
the slaughter of 25 million
American Jews.

Ruby believes he is "the Jew
responsible" for the imagined
slaughter, the psychiatrist, Dr.
Louis J. West, said, adding that
such hallucinations triggered

his apparent suicide attempt
yesterday.

Joe Tonahill, defense lawyer,
said Ruby had tried to fight him
earlier today.

The hearing today was on a
defense motion that Ruby be
immediately hospitalized for
mental treatment. Judge Brown
denied it.

Calls Mental State Bad

Mr. Tonahill said Ruby's men-
tal state was "worse than it
has ever been."

"We've got to get that boy
to a hospital before he perma-
nently injures himself," he said.

It will be incumbent on the
defense at the sanity trial to
prove Ruby is insane. If he is
sent to a state institution as
insane, and if state hospital
doctors decide later Ruby has
regained his sanity, another
sanity trial would be required
to legally confirm it, Assistant
District Attorney Bill Alex-
ander said.

The next immediate develop-
ment in the Ruby case will
come Wednesday, at a hearing
on a motion for a new trial on
the murder charge. The defense
has issued 36 subpoenas for evi-
dence and witnesses.

Dr. West, professor of psy-
chiatry at the University of

Oklahoma, said at today's hear-
ing that Ruby was "obviously
psychotic and should be hospi-
talized immediately." Dr. West
examined Ruby yesterday and
today.

Ruby was sentenced to death
in the electric chair March 14
for the shooting of Oswald Nov.
24, two days after the assassina-
tion of President Kennedy.