

Iswald Without Tr

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Sunday by the president of the city jail to county jail. Dallas Bar Association for "connedy.

"It is a bad commentary on the education of enlightened peo-popular. ple when they convict comeone on what they have read or heard," can not long exist," he said, "if said H. Louis Nichols.

reached a courtroom," he told a cases." group of Southern Methodist University law students at Karcher each deserve the same "protec tried and convicted by public Auditorium.

killer. Dallas strip joint operator always the case because "many several years ago, Nichols said, Jack Ruby, could get a fair trial, court-appointed lawyers do not do most people queried said they that Nichols declined to comment.

Ruby gunned down Oswald be- fendant."

fore millions of television viewers Americans were taken to task as Oswald was being moved from a defendant may have an attor-

Nichols admonished the student victing, before he was ever tried," members of Phi Delta Phi, inter-Lee Harvey Oswald, accused as national legal fraternity, that they massin of President John F. Ken- must be prepared to accept cases which are unpopular in the public's mind as well as the more

one standard exists for acceptable one time or other during his ca-"The press, radio and television defendants and another is used reer must accept a case that is convicted Oswald before he ever for unacceptable defendants and unfavorable to most of the com-

tion and opportunity for defense." opinion."

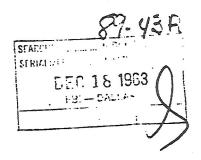
The Constitution provides that ney even if he does not have the funds to provide legal counsel, he pointed out.

Throughout the history of jurisprudence, Nichols observed, lawyers have faced criticism, threats of violence and social and sco-"The American judicial system nomic ostracism by the populace.

"But almost every lawyer-at munity," he said. "And he must The rich and the poor, he noted, do his utmost to protect a person

Asked after his talk if Oswald's But, he continued, this is not In a state-wide poll conducted their best on behalf of their de- it wrong for a lawyer to defend a person who he believes guilty.





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