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Sanity Trial I A Jury For Ruby Being Picked

DALLAS, Tex. (AP) — Dist. Judge Louis Holland prepared to impanel a sanity trial jury today for Jack Ruby over the objections of Ruby's defense lawyers.

Judge Holland overruled defense motions for a delay.

Ruby remained in the custody of the Dallas County sheriff and was not to be brought to the courtroom until a jury could be seated, Judge Holland directed.

Among spectators as the proceedings began was Mrs. Marguerite Oswald of Fort Worth, mother of Lee Harvey Oswald, the man Ruby was convicted of killing.

Judge Holland ordered photographers to take no pictures of Ruby either in the courtroom or in the hallways when he is finally brought into court. The judge said he acted to guard against what he called "a circus atmosphere."

The sanity hearing—first requested and then opposed by defense lawyers—is to determine Ruby's present mental state.

Ruby, 55, former strip joint operator, is under the death penalty for killing Oswald, named by the Warren Commission as the assassin of President John F. Kennedy. The slaying in the basement of the Dallas police station occurred before a nationwide television audience Nov. 24, 1963.