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Jury Being Impaneled For Ruby's Sanity Trial

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

A throng of prospective jurors crowded the hallways outside the courtroom as Judge Holland overruled defense motions for a delay.

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

Among spectators as the proceedings began were Eva Grant, Ruby's sister; and Marguerite Oswald of Fort Worth, mother of Lee Harvey Oswald, the man Ruby was convicted of killing.

Various defense motions alleged violation of Ruby's consti-

tutional rights and unnecessary delay in the appeal of his conviction if the sanity trial is held at this time.

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, to guard against what the judge called "a circus atmosphere."

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

Ruby's lawyers, claiming their client's constitutional rights would be violated by having to present witnesses who might be called for a possible second murder trial, are expected to ask for a postponement. Judge Louis T. Holland indi-

cated at a pretrial hearing Friday that he would not grant any delays.

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.

After they were unsuccessful in forestalling the sanity hearing, two groups of lawyers, each representing Ruby, said they

would not call their client to the stand nor would they present witnesses or evidence to support their earlier contentions he is insane.

One group is headed by Phil Burleson of Dallas, currently representing Ruby. The other is headed by Joe Tonahill of Jasper, named by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals to represent Ruby in the sanity hearing. Judge Holland said Friday he would recognize both groups.