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Sanity Hearing For Jack Ruby On in Dallas

Dallas, Tex., June 13 (AP)—
The question of whether Jack Ruby was sane or insane when he killed Lee Harvey Oswald is due to be decided by a district court jury this week.

The sanity hearing — requested then opposed by defense attorneys — gets under way today.

Ruby's lawyers, claiming his 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. But Dist. Court Judge Louis T. Holland indicated at a pretrial hearing Friday that he would not grant

any delays.

Murder on TV

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

After they failed to forestall the sanity hearing two groups of lawyers, both representing Ruby, said they will not call him to the stand nor will 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 hearings. Judge Holland said Friday he will recognize both groups.

Court's Condition

The Court of Criminal Appeals ordered the hearing May 18, saying it will not consider the appeal of his conviction until his mental condition has been determined.

If Ruby is found insane, he will be committed to a state mental hospital. If found sane, the high court is expected to consider his appeal.