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Ruby Won't Be Executed

Only ten minutes was needed for a jury in Dallas to decide that Jack Ruby is sane and hence able to stand trial on charges of killing Lee Harvey Oswald, who the Warren investigators decided fired the shot that proved fatal to President Kennedy two and a half years ago. Latest information is that the finding by the jury will be taken again into Federal courts. This means that there is no sound indication as of now as to when the end will be reached in Ruby's case.

It appears to be pretty evident that there is no popular clamor for electrocution of the man who killed Kennedy's assassin. Assuming a sordid view of the whole situation, it may be deduced that Ruby saved the State of Texas the cost of trying Oswald for killing the President. It's a long odds safe bet Ruby will never pay with his life, whether he be sane or insane.

There is no doubt that Ruby killed Oswald. He shot the alleged slayer in the presence of officers and before millions of Americans who were watching by television in the midst of the emotional state in which most Americans found themselves at the time, just three days after the President was assassinated. Ruby may have been obsessed with the idea of "getting" Oswald, and at the moment may have been off balance in that determination.

Even if the operator of a strip tease resort in Dallas did kill Oswald, millions will rise to his defense when the final showdown comes and will demand that his life be spared. They will act on the theory—in their own minds at least—that Ruby actually did the State and the country a service, and that he should not pay with his life for what he did. These millions of people will ignore the brutal fact that a murder was committed by this man. He only hastened the fate of Lee Harvey Oswald, who in all likelihood would have been executed for the crime he allegedly committed.

Attorneys will exhaust every means at their disposal to save Ruby, and the process could be strung out for years as the case is fought to the last ditch. In the end, whenever that may be, the most that will be imposed will be life imprisonment, if even that much.