# Wade Credits Testimony By Officers

DALLAS, March 14 (AP) District Attorney Henry Wade said today testimony from police officers apparently was the major factor in the conviction and death sentence of Jack Ruby.

"I think the key to your verdict was your officers' testimony—putting the malice into the case," the 50-year-old prosecutor said moments after the decision was announced.

He said the officers' testimony "showed premeditation —that he thought about killing Lee Harvey Oswald two days earlier."

The soft-spoken, cigar-chewing District Attorney declared, concerning the verdict:

"I never did think the encephalograms (brain wave tests) had a damn thing to do with the case."

Ruby's defense team, headed by San Francisco attorney Melvin Belli, sought to establish through such tests that Ruby suffered from a brain disorder that enabled him to kill Oswald without being aware of his actions.

Wade stepped forward after the verdict was read and told the jury:

"Thank you for what I consider a fair and impartial verdict."

# Belli Sees in Verdict A 'Little Bit of Russia'

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By James Mangan

DALLAS, March 14 (AP) Defense attorney Melvin Belli was furious when the death penalty was assessed against Jack Ruby today. He said angrily he would stop practicing law if he didn't get the verdict reversed.

About the tumult of the courtroom, he shouted:

"This was a kangaroo railroad. I hope the people of Dallas are proud of this jury that was rammed down our throats. This is the most stocking thing I have seen in my lifetime.

"Do you believe this is part of the United States? We have seen a little bit of Russia here."

**Claims 30 Key Errors**

He said there were 30 reversible errors committed during the trial, and that he intended to appeal without delay.

Belli was especitlly angered at the city of Dallas.

Gesturing strongly, he shouted:

"This is one of the sore spots in America. The festering sore that is Dallas is now the most shocking place in the Nation. If this venom spreads, then God help us all."

Belli charged the state with wanting a verdict regardless of due process of the law.

He said presiding Judge Joe B. Brown "went down the line" with the prosecution.

Belli said Judge Brown failed to take action even when informed that one of the jurors had been overheard before the trial saying he would give Ruby the death penalty if he were chosen as a juror.

Belli, normally carefully and nattily dressed, appeared in court for the verdict wearing a black polo shirt under a black sport coat.

Joe Tonahill, the No. 2 defense attorney, looked somber after hearing the verdict.

"It is a violent miscarriage of justice," he said.

**Testimony Ineffective**

Belli was especially bitter that the psychiatric testimony presented by the defense had not been effective.

"They disregarded every bit of the psychiatric testimony," he told newsmen angrily.

He also was disturbed by the late court session that lasted until 1:05 a.m. today.

"Even in the heart of darkest Africa you would not argue a man's life at midnight," he said, adding that fatigue had prevented him from making an adequate closing argument.

He heaped scorn on the jurors for the short period of deliberation, and contended that they had made up their minds before they started.

"Two hours on a case like this!" he exclaimed. "What kind of a city do you think this is? This is a blight on Dallas that will make this place a city of shame forever."

Before the verdict was announced, Belli said that there was no chance of getting a fair decision.

An acquittal, he said, would show that the jury had been forced to bend over backwards against pressure to reach an honest verdict.

Conviction, he said, would show the jurors followed what he called the dictates of the business rulers of Dallas.

When the decision came in, he called it a "victory for bigotry."

# French Still See Gaps in Ruby Story

The Washington Post Foreign Service

PARIS, March 14—The end of the trial of Jack Ruby at Dallas, minutely reported by the French press, has not banished the almost unanimous refusal to believe here that the assassination of President Kennedy was the isolated act of one man.

French radio reporters in Dallas wound up their reports on the trial today with the opinion that an uneasy feeling remains that important questions touching on Mr. Kennedy's murder were avoided by both sides. One that was cited was whether Lee Harvey Oswald, the accused assassin, and Ruby had known each other before Ruby shot Oswald to death.

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Prosecutor Henry Wade — Defense Lawyer Melvin Belli

. . . opposing counsel in Jack Ruby trial talk to newsmen after the verdict.