

Ruby Ruled Legally Sane, Bars Testifying In Court

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Key Figure In Kennedy Slaying

Appears Disinterested In Case

DALLAS, Tex. (AP) — A jury needed only 10 minutes Monday to find Jack Ruby legally sane.

Ruby, silent and apparently disinterested through most of the sanity trial, took the witness stand shortly before the jury retired to announce:

"Never at any time have I tried to make anyone believe that I was of unsound mind. I never tried to camouflage my mental capacities."

Some court observers indicated that the appeal of Ruby's conviction for the murder of Lee

Harvey Oswald 2½ years ago would now make its way to the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

But one Ruby Lawyer, Sol Dann of Detroit, told reporters the defense might quickly take the case into the federal courts again.

The defense did not participate in the sanity trial — it selected no jurors, offered no testimony and presented no final arguments.

The defense, which had originally requested such a sanity trial, objected to it at the last minute on the grounds it would violate Ruby's constitutional rights.

Dann explained to reporters that action may be sought in federal courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court, in a further protest against the sanity trial proceeding.

The state rested its case after producing 50 minutes of testimony from five witnesses. Judge Louis Holland began preparing his charge to the jury of seven men and five women.

Four witnesses were county jailers who have spent many hours of sitting with Ruby, 55, in his isolated cell. They all said he was aware of his position and seemed of sound mind in all respects.

The last witness was Dr. John Calahan, the jail doctor, who said Ruby was in control of his faculties.