

WADE-BELLI REACTION (280)

DALLAS MARCH 14 (AP)-THIS WAS THE REACTION OF THE KEY PROSECUTION AND DEFENSE ATTORNEYS TODAY AFTER JACK RUBY WAS ASSESSED THE DEATH PENALTY FOR MURDERING LEE HARVEY OSWALD:

DIST. ATTY. HENRY WADE:

"I THINK THE KEY TO YOUR VERDICT WAS YOUR OFFICERS' TESTIMONY-- PUTTING THE MALICE INTO THE CASE.

"I THINK IT'S A FAIR AND IMPARTIAL VERDICT--THE FACTS WARRANTED IT.

"I NEVER DID THINK THE ENCEPHALOGRAMS (BRAIN WAVE TESTS) HAD A DAMN THING TO DO WITH THE CASE.

"THE KILLING OF A HANDCUFFED MAN--INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY-- MADE THIS AN UNUSUAL CASE.

"IT WAS AN ASSASSINATION WITHIN ITSELF."

WADE SAID TESTIMONY FROM DALLAS POLICE OFFICERS WITH RUBY AT THE TIME OR SHORTLY AFTER THE SHOOTING OF OSWALD ESTABLISHED "PREMEDITATION--THAT HE THOUGHT ABOUT KILLING LEE HARVEY OSWALD TWO DAYS EARLIER."

CHIEF DEFENSE COUNSEL MELVIN BELLI:

"THIS WAS A KANGAROO RAILROAD. I HOPE THE PEOPLE OF DALLAS ARE PROUD OF THIS JURY THAT WAS RAMMED DOWN OUR THROATS."

HE SAID HE PLANNED TO APPEAL WITHOUT DELAY AND WOULD STOP PRACTICING LAW IF HE FAILED TO WIN A REVERSAL IN THE CASE.

"THEY (JURORS) DISREGARDED EVERY BIT OF THE PSYCHIATRIC TESTIMONY.

"TWO HOURS ON A CASE LIKE THIS! 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.

"JACK WONDERED WHY THE POLICEMEN (WHOSE TESTIMONY WAS DESIGNED TO SHOW MALICE IN THE CASE) LIED ABOUT HIM ON THE STAND, WHEN HE THOUGHT THEY WERE HIS FRIENDS.

"THE DALLAS NEWS TOLD THE JUDGE 10 DAYS AGO THAT ONE OF THE JURORS HAD SAID BEFORE HE WAS CHOSEN ON THE JURY: "IF I GET ON THE JURY, I'LL HANG HIM (RUBY) 6 18&743' 43-:5

HANG HIM (RUBY)."

THE TWO KEY FIGURES REACTED IN COMPLETE CONTRAST WHEN THE VERDICT WAS READ. WADE SMILED FAINTLY AND THANKED THE JURORS IN A SOFT VOICE. BELLI LEAPED FROM HIS CHAIR ANGRILY AND SHOUTED THAT THE DECISION WAS A "VICTORY FOR BIGOTRY."

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