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BAR ASKED TO ACT ON BELLI CONDUCT

Morris, a Senate Candidate, Assails Ruby's Lawyer

DALLAS, March 17 (UPI)—Robert Morris asked the American Bar Association today to review Melvin Belli's conduct after the Jack Ruby murder trial to see if the San Francisco lawyer had violated the profession's code of ethics. Mr. Belli was Ruby's chief counsel.

Mr. Morris, former New York City Municipal Court judge and counsel to three United States Senate subcommittees, is seeking the Republican nomination for United States Senate in the Texas primary May 2. He said he was "appalled at the conspicuously vulgar and revolting utterances" by Mr. Belli at the end of the trial.

In a telegram to the association in Chicago, Mr. Morris urged an investigation of Mr. Belli's "intemperate conduct."

"Mr. Belli, as an officer of the court, has referred to the trial as a 'kangaroo railroad,'" he said. "He has criticized in disgustingly defamatory terms the judge of the court. He has cast venom at a jury he helped to select."

"Even worse, Mr. Belli has blasphemed the very religious life of the people of Dallas by characterizing the verdict of the Ruby trial as a display of an irreligious nature in a holy season."

Mr. Morris is president of the Defenders of American Liberties.

He served three terms as counsel to the Senate Internal. Meanwhile, in Texas City, Gov. John B. Connally Jr. denounced Mr. Belli as follows:

"He does violence to his profession as a distinguished law-



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ASSAILS BELLI: Robert Morris, who asked bar group to study conduct of Melvin.

Security subcommittee in the nineteen-fifties.

yer. He does violence to the City of Dallas and the state of Texas. This has been a completely reprehensible act on his part."

In Austin, State Attorney General Waggoner Carr told a group of University of Texas law students tonight that Mr. Belli "lost complete control of himself" when the verdict was read.

"He became panic-stricken and lost his sense of judgment and responsibility," Mr. Carr said. "It was an example of professional ethics which would shock all of our bar members from coast to coast."