

B76fx

with Ruby

San Francisco, Feb. 24 (AP)- Attorney Melvin Belli predicted today that Jack Ruby will never be executed for the murder of Lee Harvey Oswald, assassin of President John F. Kennedy.

The San Francisco attorney, who defended Ruby during his trial at Dallas, made the comment in a news conference shortly after the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals postponed indefinitely its hearing on Ruby's appeal.

Belli said Ruby, under sentence of death for Oswald's slaying, "will be judged insane and sent to an institution for the rest of his life."

"He will never be executed," Belli said.

The attorney said that he has completed a 100-page brief to be filed with Ruby's appeal as a friend of the court. Belli was fired by Ruby's family after the trial.

Belli said "no appeals court under the sun could ever confirm a guilty verdict" against Ruby.

mh715pps