

Kemper Trial Draws Near End

The Edmund Kemper murder trial is now in its final stages, as both the prosecution and the defense will deliver closing arguments to a six-man, six-woman jury Monday.

If the closing remarks are not lengthy, the jury will be given the case to decide Monday. Should the attorneys talk longer than expected, the case won't be turned over to the jurors until Wednesday, because court cannot officially convene Tuesday, which is election day.

Defense attorney Jim Jackson is expected to discuss the mental state of his client. Jackson only called two witnesses — Kemper and the defendant's sister. Despite Kemper's plea of innocent by reason of insanity, no psychiatrists were called by the defense.

Kemper, during taped confessions to lawmen and while on the witness stand Wednesday and Thursday, admitted to slaying eight women, including his mother, over an 11 month period.

Two psychiatrists were called during the trial by Dist. Atty. Peter Chang. They all opined that Kemper was legally sane during the killing spree.