

License Ordered for Vegas Club

Dist. Judge Dee Brown Walker Friday ordered that a beer and wine permit be issued for a Dallas nightclub formerly owned by Jack Ruby, on trial for murdering Lee Harvey Oswald.

The license for the Vegas Club, 3805 Oak Lawn, was denied Feb. 11 following a hearing before County Judge Lew Sterrett. At that time the Texas Liquor Control Board protested issuance of

the permit.

The Nolley Corp. of Mesquite, headed by Mrs. Dolores Nolley, then appealed Judge Sterrett's decision to the district court. The club's present permit—issued to Ruby — does not expire until May 3.

The TLCB objected to issuance of the license, even though Mrs. Nolley said she had purchased all interest in the club from Ruby, because cases are pending before the TLCB in Austin which charge Ruby with "not being a peaceful and law-abiding citizen."

Judge Walker, of the 162d Dis-

trict Court, ordered the license issued when the board did not contest the appeal. The action followed an agreement between Assistant Atty. Gen. Brady Coleman, attorney for the TLCB, and Kaufman attorney Jack C. Morgan, representing the Nolley Corp.

Under the law, however, TLCB could hold up the license for six months.

The applicant could appeal such a decision to a Civil Appeals Court, which has the power to immediate issuance of the permit.

The Vegas Club has been closed since January, when the City of Dallas canceled its dance permit. No action has been taken to have the license reinstated, although Mrs. Nolley expressed hopes that such action would follow issuance of the beer permit.

Judge Sterrett also had denied issuance of a new beer license for another club which Ruby had managed and served as vice-president. The club, at 1312½ Commerce, was known as the Carousel Club under Ruby's management. The name has since been changed to the Big D Copa.

The license for Big D Copa expires March 8. The club is owned by the S&R Corp., headed by Ralph Paul of Arlington. Its application for a new license, which was denied, had dropped Ruby as an officer of the corporation.