

JACK L. RUBY, AKA
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Jack Ruby Fund May Help Build JFK Memorial

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AUSTIN, Tex., March 30— Jack Ruby, a killer sometimes described as a man who loved President Kennedy, unwittingly may become responsible for the building of a lasting monument to JFK in Colorado.

Ruby's new defense lawyer, Dr. Hubert W. Smith, hopes to raise millions of dollars for a legal appeal to beat the electric chair—and then put most of the money into the "building of a palace of learning and a temple of justice dedicated to Mr. Kennedy's memory, in Crested Butte, Colo."

Described by friends as "a pure idealist," Dr. Smith has both law and medical degrees from Harvard University.

But he may be forced to leave his full-time professorship at Texas University here because of his determination to take on the Ruby appeal.

Dr. Smith wants no pay for his battle to reverse the Dallas jury's death verdict.

In taking on the Ruby fight, he hopes to rebuild the abandoned mining town in the Rockies into "the true cultural center of the U. S."

Head of the university's law-science institute, Dr. Smith has been devoting his spare time to the rebuilding of Crested Butte since 1954.

Ten years ago, the President-elect of the Minnesota Bar Ass'n, Sidney P. Gislason, presented Dr. Smith with \$7500 "on behalf of the trial-lawyers of the nation" for the work Dr. Smith had done in pioneering the science of mingling medical proof into law.

Dr. Smith asked that the money be used to establish a non-profit law-science academy.

The academy began humbly in Crested Butte where property was at about ghost-town values.

Since then, Dr. Smith has attracted many of the nation's foremost psychiatric and other medical specialists to Crested Butte to teach summer courses to attorneys who range from beginning lawyers to the great names in trial work.

More property has been bought in the small town near Aspen. Dr. Smith has expanded his summer courses to art lectures and the humanities.

"Too often these things are overlooked," he explains. "America has been hurrying at hectic speeds. We have begun a return to the treasures of culture in Crested Butte."

Dr. Smith's dream, now in fundamental planning stages, is to bring "gifted young artists from all parts of the world to Crested Butte, furnish them homes and atmosphere and let them create."

He hopes to bring in "talented actors who can't find recognition on Broadway."

He plans to establish repertory and major theater groups there on a permanent basis.

A Dallas businessman has told Dr. Smith that "\$5 million can be raised for Ruby's defense fight in just two weeks."

Dr. Smith already is getting architectural plans drawn for the "palace of learning and a temple of justice" that he wants built, with the bulk of the Ruby contributions, "in the name of John F. Kennedy."

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