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Doctors Say Ruby Has Lost Weight

Doctors estimate Jack Ruby has lost between 20 and 30 pounds while held in the county jail, The Dallas News was told Saturday. They agree that Ruby's condition has deteriorated since his trial, they do not agree whether he is legally sane.

Informed sources say these doctors expect a further decline in both the physical and mental condition of the condemned slayer unless jail treatments snap him out of a "state of depression." Dist. Atty. Henry Wade said last week he believes Ruby "may have deteriorated physically and mentally" while sitting in the shadow of the electric chair. Wade said, however, he is convinced the 33-year-old slayer remains legally sane.

Ruby's condition apparently results from: A defense psychiatrist contended Ruby has "cracked up" and suffers from delusions that he is responsible for "the slaughter of millions of Jews."

—The realization that most Americans did not approve of his decision to kill Lee Harvey Oswald, the 24-year-old Communist accused of murdering President Kennedy and Patrolman J. D. Tippit. Ruby appeared gaunt and agitated during courtroom appearances.

—His five months in the jail where he gets little sunshine, fresh air or vigorous exercise. Sheriff Bill Decker said guards will weigh Ruby to determine his weight loss.

Prosecutors charged during Ruby's murder trial that the striptease club manager shot Oswald while millions watched on television in the mistaken belief that he would become a national hero. Asked about the estimate Ruby has lost between 20 and 30 pounds, Decker replied, "I'd say that is about right."

Ruby realizes now that the majority of the American people condemn the manner in which he shot a manacled man, the sources said. A nurse takes Ruby's temperature periodically and makes notations available to psychiatrists.

Judge Joe B. Brown says he will not disclose contents of reports submitted to him by psychiatrists who examine Ruby. Dr. W. R. Beavers, a psychiatrist employed by the Ruby family, suggested Ruby receive drugs for his mental condition. Decker said, however, he would want approval of the county health officer and "all psychiatrists involved in the case" before the drugs are given.

But it is apparent that, while the sheriff said, "We couldn't have one psychiatrist prescribing one drug and another prescribing something else without any coordination."

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