

Warren Sees Ruby in Jail For 3 Hours

Chief Justice Earl Warren, head of the commission preparing the definitive report on the assassination of President Kennedy, yesterday visited the county jail in Dallas, Tex., and talked with Jack Ruby for three hours.

Ruby is the condemned slayer of Lee Harvey Oswald, Mr. Kennedy's accused killer.

With Mr. Warren were J. Lee Rankin, the commission's chief counsel; two of Mr. Rankin's aids, commission member Rep. Gerald R. Ford, R., Mich., and a stenographer.

The Chief Justice refused to comment when he left, but Mr. Rankin said the group "took the testimony of Jack Ruby."

Before going to the jail, the two men spent two hours at the Texas Schoolbook Depository building, which is across the street from the jail. It was from this building that the assassin fired on President Kennedy and Texas Gov. John Connally last Nov. 22.

The visit to Ruby, who was convicted and sentenced to death March 14 for fatally shooting Oswald in the Dallas police headquarters last Nov. 24, came as a surprise. It also took place as it became known that the commission is determined to scotch speculation that it has prematurely assessed Mr. Kennedy's assassination.

Reports that the commission had concluded before

its investigation was completed—that Oswald acted alone has forced the panel to go all-out to dispel doubts as to the thoroughness of its proceedings.

This week in Washington, the Warren commission will make an exhaustive study of the Russian interlude in Oswald's life in order to examine the theory that Mr. Kennedy met his death as a result of a conspiracy.

The commission tomorrow and Wednesday will hear testimony from high-ranking State Department officials, headed by Secretary of State Dean Rusk and former U. S. consular officials in Moscow.

It is certain the commission is interested in corroborating reports and gathering new evidence pertaining to Oswald's residence in the Soviet Union, his attempt to renounce his American citizenship and circumstances surrounding his return to the U. S.

Among the State Department officials scheduled to be heard by the commission, in addition to Secretary Rusk, are Richard E. Snyder and John McVickar, consul and deputy consul in Moscow, while Oswald lived in Russia; Abba P. Schwartz, security director; Abram Chayes, legal adviser; Frances P. Knight, director of the passport division; James Richie and Carroll Seeley Jr., department director; James Richie and Carroll Seeley Jr., department attorneys; Virginia James, Office of Soviet Affairs, and Bernice Waterman.

Today, the commission will hear Dallas County District Attorney Henry Wade and Dallas police sergeant Patrick Dean.

The commission is expected to question the two officials concerning persistent reports that Oswald and Ruby were acquainted prior to the Nov. 22 assassination.

It has been learned that an estimated 10 persons have signed sworn depositions that they personally knew Oswald and Ruby to have been acquainted. However, polygraph tests given the volunteer witnesses have shown their testimony to be false.

Among the 10 were a Dallas attorney and a waitress who claimed she had once served

Oswald and Ruby as they sat together in a restaurant.

Several of the 10 were checked out to be homosexuals. Psychiatrists also gave Ruby extensive tests have reported homosexual tendencies in the former strip-club operator.

Dallas officials may also testify regarding evidence that shortly before the assassination, Oswald had sought employment on the second floor of a parking garage situated along the parade route followed by the Presidential party on Nov. 22.

The difficulty facing the commission is that the evidence against Oswald is circumstantial since there were no eyewitnesses to the shooting.

Yet, it is known that investigators have found at least three witnesses who have testified they saw a rifle jutting from the sixth-floor window of the Texas School Book Depository where Oswald worked and where he is said to have fired the shots that killed President Kennedy.

On Thursday Mr. Marina Oswald, Russian-born widow of the suspected assassin, will make a repeat appearance before the commission.

Last Saturday, the commission took the personal testimony of Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy, the late President's wife who was as his side when he was killed. After commission members heard her account in her Georgetown home, they issued a one-sentence statement: "The President's commission took the testimony of Mrs. John F. Kennedy at her home this afternoon."

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