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Texas Judge Sets Hearing on Ruby's Sanity for March 29

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DALLAS—District Judge Joe B. Brown today granted a sanity trial for condemned killer Jack Ruby and set the date for March 29.

Judge Brown, who presided over the month-long murder trial which ended in the death verdict for Ruby March 4, 1964, said a jury will be impaneled to determine the sanity of the man who killed Lee Harvey Oswald. Oswald had assassinated President Kennedy two days earlier.

Appoints Counselors

Judge Brown ordered attorneys Joe Tonahill of Jasper, Tex., and Phil Bureson of Dallas to represent Ruby at the sanity trial. They had aided Melvin Belli of San Francisco in the murder trial defense.

"The reason I am appointing you and Mr. Bureson," the judge told Tonahill, "is because you tried the case."

This was a blow to the Ruby family. Ruby's sisters and brothers wanted Tonahill removed.

In Good Health

Ruby, who will be 54 March 25, was well dressed in a dark blue suit and appeared in relatively good health.

"Hi, how are you," the former night club operator said to a newsman as deputies escorted him into the courtroom.

He seemed to have gained some weight since his last public appearance about 10 months ago.

Judge Brown said after today's 30-minute hearing that he was granting the motion for a sanity trial "to comply with orders of the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals."

The slaying of Oswald, which took place in the Dallas city hall basement Nov. 24, 1963.



Grant, sister of Jack Ruby, arrives at courtroom, where her brother was scheduled for a sanity hearing.



JACK RUBY

Granted sanity hearing.

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