

Jack Ruby's New Story

Of Shooting

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DALLAS, June 27 (UPI)— Jack Ruby told Chief Justice Earl Warren he killed Lee Harvey Oswald to spare Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy the anguish of being forced to return to Dallas for Oswald's trial, the Dallas Morning News said today in a copyright story.

The News, in a story by Carl Freund, said Ruby characterized himself to Warren as a "human sacrifice" who was willing to give up his life for Mrs. Kennedy.

"I decided to sacrifice myself," Ruby told Warren, the News said.

The News quoted "a detailed account" of statements Ruby made to Warren in a 3½ hour interview in the Dallas County jail June 7.

LETTER TO CAROLINE

In the interview with Warren, the News said Ruby told the chief justice:

● He decided to kill Oswald when he read an emotional letter to Caroline Kennedy in a newspaper after President Kennedy was assassinated Nov. 22.

● He was planning to shoot Oswald when he drove from his apartment to downtown Dallas and

walked into the City Hall basement Nov. 24.

● He did not feel hatred toward Oswald as an individual and was not trying to become a public hero, but was motivated by a desire to spare Mrs. Kennedy the anguish of returning to the city where her husband died.

● He objected to the insanity plea entered by Melvin Belli, chief defense lawyer at his murder trial.

● He wanted to take the stand during his trial, but Belli told him prosecutors would "cut you to pieces" and show premeditation.

Ruby again insisted in talking to Warren, that he was not part of any conspiracy and said he never saw Oswald before he shot him.

"I do not belong to any subversive organizations ... and no Communists told me to shoot him," Ruby told Warren according to The News.

"And I didn't get any orders from anybody in the underworld."

Ruby told Warren he no longer cares what happens to him.

Ruby said at one point he was a "victim of a plot."

The News said the meaning of that statement was unclear. But he may have meant he believed he was sentenced to death because of criticism Dallas received after the assassination.

RELIGION

Ruby told Warren, The

News said, that religion also motivated him. He noted he was a Jew and Mrs. Kennedy was Roman Catholic.

"I thought this was a case where a member of one religion could do something for a member of another," he told Warren.

The News' source said the quotes might be slightly different from those Ruby used but were "substantially correct."

Belli told the court in Ruby's trial that his client drove downtown only to telegraph money to a girl in Fort Worth who worked as a striptease dancer in his nightclub.

Belli contended Ruby went to the city hall, blacked out from an epileptic seizure and shot Oswald while in a trance.

But, The News said, Ruby actually told Warren he drove downtown for two reasons: "The wire and the other."

But Ruby emphasized to Warren that he did "not sneak in" to the basement of the police station.

"I walked in," he said. Ruby told Warren he strode past policemen who were conversing.

Ruby told of mingling with newsmen as everybody waited for Oswald to be brought out for his transfer to the Dallas County Jail and at one point told Warren:

"I must be the world's greatest actor."