

Ruby Charges Plot to Suppress Dallas Facts

Convicted Killer of Oswald Says Truth of Assassination Will Never Be Told

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DALLAS (AP)—Jack Ruby asserted Thursday that people in high places have sought to suppress facts about the Kennedy assassination and what followed. He gave no names.

Ruby talked with reporters when he was brought into court for a hearing seeking disqualification of Judge Joe B. Brown.

Brown was the trial judge when Ruby was convicted and sentenced to death for killing President John F. Kennedy's assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald.

Defense lawyers maintain that a yet-unpublished book by Brown about the Ruby case indicates the judge had a monetary interest in the trial and therefore his rulings were not valid.

If Brown were ruled not qualified, the conviction of

Ruby for killing Oswald would be voided.

Ruby claimed the truth about the assassination will never be revealed because "unfortunately some people in high places had so much to gain by putting me in this position."

He frequently interrupted himself to ask reporters if he appeared to be insane. A sanity trial has been ordered for Ruby.

One of his lawyers, Sol Dann of Detroit, tried to halt Ruby's statements, but the one-time night club operator snapped back, "Leave me alone. I know what I'm doing."

Pressed to elaborate on his remarks, Ruby said the result of a polygraph test given him in jail under supervision of Chief Justice Earl Warren has not been divulged.

Ruby appeared amiable

and relaxed when escorted into the courtroom by Sheriff Bill Decker.

He was also flanked at the counsel table by another lawyer, Elmer Gertz of Chicago.

He chatted and joked with reporters, but steadily became more serious.

Asked whether his reference to people in high places referred in any way to findings of the Warren Commission, which investigated the assassination and the Oswald slaying Ruby said:

"Just recall one item: after Warren spent nine hours with me—and this is very important—and asked me numerous questions about my association with people, the Warren Report refused to divulge the results of the polygraph because they said I did not know the difference between right and wrong."

Ruby said his mind had not deteriorated since he had been in jail, but rather had matured.

Judge Brown earlier turned over to Ruby's lawyers the manuscript of his book about the Ruby trial.

At Thursday's hearing, Judge Brown's sister, Mrs.

Mary Paul, testified her brother told her he intended to write a book about the Ruby case because he thought it time someone told the truth about Dallas.

Paul Crume, a Dallas newspaper columnist who did the actual writing of the book, testified that Brown was a little angry and hurt by magazine criticisms of his conduct of the Ruby trial.

Crume said also that at a Ruby hearing last spring, Judge Brown allowed him to sit in the bailiff's chair so he could observe Ruby closely.

The defense team did not see the manuscript of the Brown book until Dist. Judge Louis T. Holland ordered it made available Wednesday. Crume testified that Asst. Dist. Atty. James Williamson had talked to him about the book three times prior to Thursday's hearing, and had suggested several minor changes.

Dist. Atty. Henry Wade has already filed a brief pointing out that Brown did not sign a contract with his publisher until nearly four months after the trial ended last year. There obviously was no pecuniary interest, Wade contends. END



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JACK RUBY
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