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RUBY UNDERGOES TESTS IN HOSPITAL

Study of Lung Fluid Made— His Condition Is Serious

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DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 10—A diagnostic study will be made this weekend of fluid from the lungs of Jack Ruby, who was admitted to Parkland Memorial Hospital here last night with an ailment diagnosed as pneumonia.

The hospital—where Lee Harvey Oswald, the assassin of President Kennedy, died three years ago after he had been shot by Ruby—said today that the 55-year-old former night club operator was in "serious condition" but had had a "comfortable night."

Staff doctors removed fluid from Ruby's right lung shortly after he was admitted. They said results of the diagnosis would not be available until Monday afternoon.

There was a report that physicians suspected Ruby might have lung cancer, but a spokesman for the hospital said it was "nothing more than one of those rumors."

Dr. Jay P. Sanford, professor of internal medicine at Southwest Medical College, a branch of the University of Texas at Dallas, was brought into the case as a consultant.

'Nothing More Than Routine'

"This is nothing more than routine," the hospital said through an assistant administrator. He said the hospital was a tax-supported institution used for teaching purposes by Southwest Medical College.

Hospital physicians treating Ruby said all information would be supplied through medical

bulletins.

Ruby is confined to an isolation ward with one armed guard inside his room and one outside.

Dr. John W. Callahan, assistant Dallas County Health Officer, who had been treating Ruby in the jail for a cold and for a "dry cough," said today that he thought it was a "good idea" for Ruby to be in the hospital.

"His temperature has not risen above normal," Dr. Callahan said. "Usually, in something as serious as pneumonia, the body responds with a temperature rise."

Ruby had been treated earlier Sheriff Bill Becker said. It was he who suggested that Ruby be hospitalized.

The hospital said today that Ruby had received "anti-bacterial" treatment and oxygen.

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Ruby's sister, Mrs. Eva Grant, also a resident of Dallas, said her brother had been ill for three weeks and "looked like a corpse."

The diagnosed pneumonia is the first serious ailment Ruby has had since he was confined to the Dallas County jail on Nov. 24, 1963 after he shot Oswald.

Ruby was sentenced to be executed in the Texas electric chair for killing Oswald, but was granted a new trial last October by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals. The new trial is expected to begin sometime next February.

Dr. Callahan said Ruby had had a coughing spell about a month ago and had complained of chest pains.

"I examined him then and thought perhaps he had strained a chest muscle so I gave him antibiotics," the doctor said.

Ruby developed a cold about a week ago, Dr. Callahan said.

In the county jail, Ruby was kept in a cell by himself, watched at all times by a special squad of guards.

It was reported during his early confinement that he had struck his head against the wall and had put a finger into an electric light socket in apparent attempts to commit suicide.