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# JACK RUBY

# DIES

# LOSES FIGHT TO CANCER

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**DALLAS, Tex., Jan. 3 (AP)**—Jack Ruby, the slayer of accused presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald, died today in Parkland Hospital, where he had been suffering from cancer since Dec. 9.

Ruby was moved to the hospital after complaining of an illness which jail doctors had been treating as a bad cold for three weeks.

At the hospital, his illness was first diagnosed as pneumonia and then as cancer which had spread into the lymph glands, lungs and pancreas. X-ray and surgery would do no good, doctors said.

## Bulletin Delayed

Ruby's death came at 10:30 a.m.

Sheriff's deputies had been issuing twice-daily bulletins on Ruby's condition but this morning said the bulletin would be a "little late."

A product of the Chicago slums, Ruby was little known even in Dallas until he stepped in front of television cameras with a snubnosed revolver and shot Oswald.

That was on Nov. 24, 1963, and the one-time Chicago tough kid had gained the world renown friends said he always had wanted.

He spent the rest of his life behind bars.

## Aged by Illness

In Chicago today, Elmer Gertz, one of his lawyers, said Ruby "looked like a man of 80 years" when Gertz saw him just before Christmas. Ruby was 55.

In Ruby's room when he died were his brother Earl Ruby of Detroit; his sister, Eva Grant of Dal-

another sister from Chicago. Visitors were rare after Ruby was jailed. He was inaccessible except to his family, lawyers and investigators.

One visitor in the county jail was Chief Justice Earl Warren, who was present when Ruby was given a lie detector polygraph test. In the test, Ruby denied that there was any conspiracy connecting him with the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Ruby denied knowing Oswald, and he denied personally knowing Dallas Police Patrolman J. D. Tippitt whom Oswald also was accused of shooting to death on an Oak Cliff Street soon after President Kennedy was killed.

Since being taken to the hospital Ruby had insisted

on another lie detector test in an effort to prove there was no conspiracy. Experts and doctors said the advanced state of his cancer prevented the test from having validity.

At 52, Ruby was known as the operator of the Carousel Club, a tough guy who acted as his own bouncer and would throw you out if you "looked at the girls wrong" and a "Damon Runyon type who would give you the shirt off his back."

He usually carried a pistol, friends said, but had never been known to use it until he darted between Oswald's police escorts and shot him once in the abdomen.

Ruby, friends and enemies alike agreed, was a man who wanted to attain "class," a word he used frequently in describing people who impressed him.

## SHUNNED POLITICS

George Senator, who shared an Oak Cliff apartment with Ruby when the Oswald killing occurred, said Ruby never took any part in politics. "I doubt if she ever voted much," Senator said.

But when Ruby was asked why he killed Oswald, he said it was to spare Mrs. John F. Kennedy the anguish of having to go back to Dallas for Oswald's murder trial.

He wanted peace for Mrs. Kennedy, he said.

One of his sisters said Jack died peacefully. She said she had visited Ruby at 9 a.m. and at the time he was sleeping peacefully. Mrs. Grant, Earl Ruby and Dallas lawyer Phil Burleson had visited him.

After Ruby made his statement to the Warren Commission representatives, there was still doubt in many minds.

When books and periodicals began dwelling on the incident, and some said that Ruby knew Oswald, that Ruby was a friend of Tippitt and that the assassination was planned by a large group of conspirators, Ruby asked the second lie detector test.

A Dallas jury sentenced Ruby to death after a month-long trial.