

NEW CRITICISM of Warren Report Seen

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Death of Jack Ruby from cancer probably will add fuel to the criticism by "scandal mongers" of the Warren Commission's findings, a senior counsel to the commission said here Tuesday.

But Joseph A. Ball, Long Beach attorney who addressed Town Hall, said he does not think the death of Ruby should have any effect on the basic finding that Lee Harvey Oswald alone killed President John F. Kennedy.

"He (Ruby) always denied the fact of a conspiracy," Ball said at a news conference preceding his luncheon address. "He said he was emotionally affected by the murder of the President of the United States."

Ball said he last saw Ruby in June of 1964 when the commission staff questioned him in Dallas.

Examined Ruby

"When we examined Jack Ruby in jail, in my opinion he was not mentally in condition to respond to questions," Ball said.

He said the commission received no information the treatment being given Ruby was inadequate, and he assumed there was a medical problem that arose suddenly, as is often the case with cancer.

Ball said a recording reportedly obtained secretly in Ruby's hospital room last month "might be very valuable to have." In the recording Ruby reportedly reaffirms that he was not conspiring with anyone when he killed Os-

wald.
"I see no objection (in making such a recording) — if he were competent," Ball said. "The Dallas police might have some objection."

More Evidence

The veteran attorney said another investigation of the assassination would only be called for if additional evidence was uncovered.

And he said none of the "half-baked arguments from dishonest critics" has produced any new evidence.

"All of these critics are only rehashing arguments considered and rejected over two years ago," Ball pointed out.

"It is scandalous to me that these men dare to insinuate fraud, with no evidence to base it on... Their record is dishonest, a completely dishonest presentation of the evidence."

X Rays of Wounds

Ball said X-rays and color pictures of the President's wounds "will thoroughly corroborate" autopsy findings which have been questioned by critics. "It is obvious the Kennedy family would not want those pictures placed in newspapers," he said.

"I would like to see these examined by an impartial group of forensic pathologists. That will do more than anything else to stop the lies."

He said he understands the studies made by the commission staff—included in the report—were based almost immediately.

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AFTER RUBY'S DEATH—The brother and two sisters of Jack Ruby leaving the hospital in Dallas shortly after he died of a blood clot. From left are Earl Ruby, Mrs. Eva Grant and Mrs. Ethel Kowinsky.