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# Rabbi at Funeral: Ruby Acted in 'Rash Moment'

CHICAGO, Jan. 6 (UPI)—Jack Ruby was eulogized today as a man who acted in a "rash moment... as a kind of avenger" when he killed President John F. Kennedy's assassin before the eyes of 40 million Americans watching on television.

The eulogy of Rabbi David Graubart was delivered at traditional Conservative Jewish funeral services, "a sacred service consecrated to the memory of Jack Ruby."

"The eyes of the world are now upon us," said the rabbi, a friend of the family who never personally knew Ruby. "Jack Ruby will soon be laid to rest. What is the verdict of history?"

Born Jack Rubenstein, the man who killed Lee Harvey Oswald on Nov. 24, 1963, was buried in a bronze, white-gold casket in the family plot near the graves of his parents, Jewish immigrants from Poland.

The services at the funeral-chapel where the body was viewed by Ruby's family and newsmen — to dispel any doubts that it was Jack Ruby — were closed to the public.

Rabbi Graubart said,

"The Jewish tradition says it is possible to lose oneself in a moment, in a moment of extreme emotion."

He said he saw Ruby's slaying of Lee Harvey Oswald as "a rash moment in the life of a man."

"I see him at the moment as a kind of avenger. It is something most of us would not dare to think."

"Of course, any murder diminishes the image of God. But we must look at it sympathetically, understandingly and forgivingly, even as God forgives our transgressions."

Reporters were admitted by permission of the family to view the body. The family said the unusual practice would give the assurance to the world that the body in the casket was that of Jack Ruby.

Ruby, who was 55 when he died of a blood clot in the lung, wore a yarmulka,

skull cap worn by males of his faith at all religious observances and a tallith, the Jewish prayer shawl denoting humbleness in the presence of God.

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