

RUBY HAS CANCER, DOCTORS REPORT

Malignancy Found in Lymph
Node During Surgery

DALLAS, Dec. 10 (UPI)—Doctors at Parkland Memorial Hospital said today that Jack Ruby is suffering from cancer.

Dr. Jay Sanford and Walter Webb of the Southwestern Medical School in Dallas said that Ruby had undergone surgery early today and that cancer had been found in Ruby's lymph node. They said it had spread from some other part of his body.

They said they did not know how extensive the cancer was, nor whether it could be arrested.

They said they did not know how good Ruby's chances of survival were.

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

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 this week with penicillin, Sheriff Bill Decker said. It was he who suggested that Ruby be hospitalized.

The hospital said today that Ruby had received "antibacterial" treatment and oxygen. 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."

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.