

Ruby's Cancer Condition: Not a Hopeless Case, But—

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 13 (AP)—The source of Jack Ruby's cancer has stirred conflicting estimates on how long the slayer of Lee Harvey Oswald has to live.

Medical specialists speculate the main cancerous growth lies in a lung, the pancreas or the gastro-intestinal tract.

They said the type of cancer involved is an adenocarcinoma, which denotes relationship to glands.

Dr. Jay Sanford, professor of internal medicine at Southern Medical School and head of a medical team attending Ruby, said yesterday Ruby may survive "two weeks or five years. He is not necessarily a hopeless case."

The Dallas News and the Dallas Times Herald, quoting unnamed sources, said the malignancy had spread to other parts of Ruby's body and the outlook was not favorable.

Sanford said it was too early to tell. "Chances of recovery depend on the location of the primary site" of a malignant tumor found Saturday in a lymph node in Ruby's neck, he said.

Ruby, 55, former Dallas nightclub operator, was taken from the county jail to Parkland Hospital Friday night. The hospital said he appeared to have pneumonia.

Doctors described Ruby as "reasonably cheerful" yesterday and in "good condition as far as pain or ability to eat is concerned."

Whether Ruby will undergo surgery must await finding of the source of the cancer, Sanford said.