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Mercedes Rotary Hears Talk By Ruby's Lawyer

MERCEDES ²⁰ Lee Harvey Oswald, accused assassin of President Kennedy, probably could not have been convicted because of Texas law prohibiting a wife from testifying against her husband, the Mercedes Rotary Club was told Tuesday.

Joe Tonahill, Jasper attorney who has represented Jack Ruby in the slaying of Oswald, was guest speaker at the luncheon meeting.

He said Marina Oswald Porter, was the only person "who put the gun in Lee's hand."

Tonahill said Mrs. Oswald, who since has remarried, was a native of an area of Russia where an espionage school is located. He said her testimony before the Warren Commission indicated she was highly trained and not just a housewife.

The lawyer also said the former Mrs. Oswald has some more information "but it may cost us \$250,000 to get it." He said she "likes money."

He said there were indications of a conspiracy in the presidential assassination.

"The killing of President Kennedy was a product of Communism and the Warren Commission should have said so," Tonahill told his audience.