

Charge of Ruby Neglect Is Disputed by Doctors

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DALLAS, Jan. 5 — Jack Ruby received less than the best possible medical treatment in the Dallas County jail, one of his doctors said today.

Two other doctors who treated the killer of President Kennedy's alleged assassin in jail maintained that his treatment was more than adequate, however.

At the same time, it was disclosed that physical examinations and X-rays taken in 1963 and 1964 had revealed no signs of cancer. Ruby died Tuesday of a blood clot in his lung, an apparent result of the cancer.

Responding to the family's charge that Ruby was neglected, Dr. Eugene Frenkel said, "In a way, Ruby's situation in jail was like a man in the military — the medical care he would get might not be as thorough or sophisticated as with a private doctor."

Three Deny Neglect

Dr. Julian Mardock and Dr. John Callahan, the physicians who examined Ruby in jail, and Sheriff Bill Decker flatly denied that the prisoner was neglected.

Decker called him a "fair-haired prisoner" and said he got preferential medical treatment.

"Nobody was given the attention he was," said Dr. Callahan. "I was there at least twice a week. He was not neglected."

Joe Tonahill, a former attorney for Ruby, said today that he believes Ruby's survivors will file a damage suit alleging "neglect" by Dallas County officers.

The Jasper (Tex.) attorney

said he believes Ruby's relatives will "comb the damage suit area of lawbooks." He said the family complaints over Ruby's treatment in jail appear to be a prelude to such a suit.

Two members of the Ruby family, Eva Grant of Dallas and Earl Ruby of Chicago, charged today in Chicago that Ruby was neglected.

Treated for Bad Cold

Before he was rushed to the Parkland Memorial Hospital Dec. 9, Ruby was being treated in the jail for what doctors said was a bad cold.

Tonahill said Ruby could have had private medical care two months earlier if Ruby's other lawyers had joined him in a request for bail. Tonahill said he suggested bail in October for Ruby.

In Chicago, the Ruby family permitted reporters to view Ruby's body so that they could give assurances to the world that the body in the casket was that of the man who killed the late President Kennedy's alleged assassin.

The newsmen filed up to the casket, one by one, after three brothers and two sisters of Ruby spent a few minutes alone in the funeral chapel.