

~~Story~~ **Ruby's Safe Stolen 5/1/72**

L. J. Ware, a partner in a firm hired to auction off the furnishings of Jack Ruby's night club in Athens, Tex., made an agreement with the Ruby estate not to try to open a back-room safe that was to be included in the sale.

Ware says he did not try to get into the safe, but he said he wanted to try to buy it at the auction himself, thinking it might hold some secrets into Ruby, the man who killed President John F. Kennedy's assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald.

The furnishings were auctioned off Saturday, but the safe was not among them. Someone stole it the night before.

"It kind of took the wind out of our sails," Ware said.

He offered \$300 for its return.

Ruby died of cancer Jan. 3, 1967. He was convicted March 14, 1964, of shooting Oswald on nationwide television and sentenced to the electric chair. A new trial was ordered in 1966, but Ruby died before it could be held. —UPI



Jack Ruby



**Homosexual Preacher**

William Johnson of North Hollywood, Calif. stood before 96 clergymen and lay delegates from 19 churches yesterday and told them why "my gay life style" should not bar him from being ordained a minister.

After 2½ hours of discussion, Johnson, 25, had the votes of 62 delegates to endorse his ordination on June 25 as the first known homosexual pastor of the United Church of Christ.

Johnson came from Houston, Texas, and was a graduate

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