

Black Asked To Postpone Ruby Hearing

A lawyer for Jack Ruby today asked Justice Hugo L. Black of the Supreme Court to defer a sanity hearing scheduled for Ruby until the court acts on an expected appeal.

The appeal will ask the justices to rule whether Ruby, the convicted slayer of Lee Harvey Oswald, can be "forced" to undergo the sanity hearing with a lawyer he doesn't want.

It also will ask the court to rule whether Judge Joe B. Brown, who presided at Ruby's trial in Dallas, violated Ruby's rights by agreeing to write a book about the case.

Ruby, a former Dallas nightclub manager, was sentenced to death two years ago for slaying Oswald two days after Oswald assassinated President Kennedy.

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals ruled two weeks ago against Ruby on the point involving Judge Brown and directed that the sanity hearing be held promptly before another judge.

The hearing presently is scheduled for June 13 in Dallas.