

NIGHT LEAD RUBY (400)

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DALLAS, MARCH 7 (AP)—THE STATE HAS TRACED THE FOOTSTEPS OF JACK RUBY ACROSS A SAD AND SOLEMN PAGE OF AMERICAN HISTORY. TODAY, THE DEFENSE WAS PREPARING TO ASK HIS JURY TO BELIEVE THAT HE DIDN'T KNOW WHERE HE WAS GOING, NOR WHY.

RUBY, SHORT, BALDING 52-YEAR-OLD OPERATOR OF A DALLAS STRIP TEASE JOINT, IS ON TRIAL FOR HIS LIFE FOR THE NOV. 24 SHOOTING OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S ACCUSED ASSASSIN, LEE HARVEY OSWALD. THE FOURTH WEEK OF THE TRIAL BEGINS MONDAY, AFTER A WEEKEND RECESS.

CHIEF DEFENSE ATTORNEY MELVIN BELLI, A SILVER-HAIRED, SILVER TONGUED SAN FRANCISCO LAWYER, HAS TOLD THE JURY OF FOUR MEN AND EIGHT MEN:

"WE'LL SHOW YOU THAT JACK RUBY HAD ORGANIC BRAIN DAMAGE...WE'LL SHOW YOU THAT HE HAS A PSYCHOMOTOR VARIANT OF EPILSEPY. WE'LL SHOW YOU ACTUAL BRAIN WAVE TRACINGS."

THE DEFENSE MAINTAINS THAT RUBY WAS TRIGGERED INTO INSANITY TEMPORARILY BY THE SHOCK OF THE PRESIDENT'S ASSASSINATION, AND THAT HE WAS BLACKED OUT WHEN HE SHOT OSWALD IN THE BASEMENT OF THE DALLAS POLICE HEADQUARTERS DURING A ROUTINE JAIL TRANSFER. NETWORK TELEVISION CAMERAS WERE TRAINED ON THE SCENE, AND COUNTLESS AMERICANS SAW THE SLAYING.

AS THE RUBY TRIAL NEARED WEEKEND ADJOURNMENT FRIDAY, A JAIL BREAK ON THE SIXTH FLOOR OF THE COURTHOUSE SPREAD CONFUSION ALONG CROWDED CORRIDORS OUTSIDE JUDGE JOE B. BROWN'S SECOND FLOOR COURTROOM, WHERE RUBY IS ON TRIAL.

TWO OF SEVEN JAIL BREAKERS SOUGHT ESCAPE VIA THE SECOND FLOOR. ONE OF THEM WAS QUICKLY CAPTURED. THE SECOND, CHARLES D. GREGORY, 20, ARMED WITH A FAKE PISTOL FASHIONED FROM SOAP AND A PIECE OF RUBBER HOSE, TERRORIZED PERSONS OUTSIDE THE RUBY COURTROOM AS HE TOOK A WOMAN AIDE FROM ANOTHER COURT AS A HOSTAGE.

TWO OTHERS WERE CAPTURED SHORTLY AFTERWARDS AND A FIFTH ESCAPEE WAS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY THIS MORNING. OFFICERS CONTINUED THEIR SEARCH FOR THE REMAINING TWO DOAY.

MRS. KAREN LYNN (LITTLE LYNN) BENNETT, A 19-YEAR-OLD PREGNANT STRIP TEASER, WAS CAUGHT IN THE MELEE OUTSIDE THE COURTROOM DOOR. SHE WAS ON HER WAY INSIDE, ESCORTED BY BELLI'S ATTRACTIVE BLONDE WIFE, JOY, TO TESTIFY AS RUBY'S FIRST DEFENSE WITNESS. SHE FORMERLY WORKED IN HIS DOWNTOWN STRIP JOINT.

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"OH MY GOD, HE'S AFTER ME," THE BLONDE STRIPPER CRIED WHEN SHE SAW THE MAN WITH THE FAKE GUN. SHE LATER REGAINED HER COMPOSURE AND TOOK THE WITNESS STAND. THE GUNMAN WAS CAPTURED OUTSIDE THE BUILDING AND HIS WOMAN HOSTAGE RELEASED UNHARMED.

FEW SPECTATORS INSIDE THE RUBY COURTROOM WERE AWARE OF THIS LATEST INCREDIBLE DALLAS INCIDENT UNTIL AFTER COURT RECESSED.

MEANWHILE, IN ORANGE, TEX., 300 MILES SOUTHEAST OF DALLAS, POLICE PICKED UP 21-YEAR-OLD PATRICIA KOHS ON MARIJUANA CHARGES AND SENT HER BACK TO DALLAS TO TESTIFY AS A DEFENSE WITNESS AT THE TRIAL. SHE IS ANOTHER OF RUBY'S FORMER STRIPPERS, WHO USED THE STAGE NAME OF PENNY DOLLAR.

DIST. ATTY. HENRY M. WADE COMPLETED THE STATE'S CASE AGAINST RUBY, AFTER TRACING HIS MOVEMENTS FROM THE INSTANT OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION UNTIL HIS ARREST AFTER OSWALD WAS SHOT.

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~~DALLAS--FIRST ADD NIGHT LEAD RUBY (A41-42DN) XXX WAS SHOT.~~

RUBY WAS AT THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS NOV. 22, PREPARING A WEEKEND ADVERTISEMENT FOR HIS CAROUSEL CLUB. ABOUT 12:40 P.M. WORD REACHED THE NEWSPAPER THAT PRESIDENT KENNEDY HAD BEEN SHOT.

APPARENTLY, RUBY HAD NO PARTICULAR COMMENT AT THE MOMENT. BUT A SECRETARY AT THE NEWS, GEORGIA MAYOR, TESTIFIED THAT SHE NOTICED HIM SITTING MOTIONLESS WITH "A FIXED STARE."

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THAT NIGHT, AROUND 11 O'CLOCK RUBY EDGED HIS WAY WITH NEWSMEN INTO A POLICE ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF HEADQUARTERS. THERE OSWALD WAS BROUGHT IN DURING A PRESS CONFERENCE BY WADE. RUBY APPEARED TO BE ACTING AS A GUIDE FOR OUT-OF-TOWN NEWSMEN, IDENTIFYING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS FOR THEM.

POLICE SGT. P.T. DEAN TESTIFIED FOR THE STATE THAT RUBY TOLD HIM OF THAT FRIDAY NIGHT CONFRONTATION:

"WHEN I NOTICED THE SARCASTIC SNEER ON OSWALD'S FACE, THAT'S WHEN I FIRST THOUGHT THAT IF I GOT THE CHANCE I WOULD KILL HIM. I JUST WANTED THE WORLD TO KNOW THAT JEWS HAVE GUTS."

"THAT WAS THE REASON HE GAVE FOR THE SHOOTING," DEAN ADDED.

RUBY WAS BORN JACK LEON RUBENSTEIN IN CHICAGO, A SON OF JEWISH CARPENTER FROM POLAND.

ABOUT 2:50 P.M. SATURDAY, NOV. 23, RUBY MADE A TELEPHONE CALL FROM A DOWNTOWN PARKING LOT. HE APPARENTLY HAD OBTAINED WORD THAT OSWALD WAS SCHEDULED TO BE TRANSFERRED TO THE COUNTY JAIL AT 4 P.M.

RUBY SAID OVER THE TELEPHONE THAT HE THOUGHT THERE MIGHT BE A DELAY IN THE TRANSFER, BUT THAT IN ANY EVENT "I'LL BE THERE."

AND HE WAS. HE TALKED WITH TELEVISION NEWSMAN WES WISE OF KRLD OUTSIDE THE COUNTY JAIL, AND WAS IN A CROWD THAT WAS MOVED BACK FROM THE JAIL ENTRANCE ABOUT 3 P.M. BY POLICE SGT. D.V. HARKNESS.

HOWEVER, OSWALD'S TRANSFER WAS CALLED OFF AND RESCHEDULED FOR 10 A.M. SUNDAY.

IT WAS AT ABOUT THAT HOUR THAT LITTLE LYNN THE STRIPPER, CALLED FROM HER HOME IN FORT WORTH, TO ASK FOR \$25 TO PAY HER RENT. RUBY WENT TO THE ONLY WESTERN UNION OFFICE IN TOWN OPEN ON SUNDAY-- IN THE SAME BLOCK AS POLICE HEADQUARTERS. HE RECEIVED A RECEIPT FOR A \$25 MONEY ORDER AT 11:17 A.M.

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THEN HE WENT TO THE BASEMENT OF POLICE HEADQUARTERS, WALKING BY POLICE SECURITY GUARDS, DUCKING HIS HEAD AS HE PASSED. AS IT HAPPENED, OSWALD'S SCHEDULED 10 A.M. JAIL TRANSFER AGAIN HAD BEEN DELAYED.

AT 11:21 A.M. SUNDAY, NOV. 24, RUBY LUNGED FROM A CROWD OF NEWSMEN AND POLICEMEN AND SHOT OSWALD, AFTER SNARLING:

"YOU RAT SON OF A BITCH, YOU SHOT THE PRESIDENT."

POLICEMEN WHO OVERPOWERED HIM SAID THEY HEARD RUBY SAY:

"I HOPE I KILLED THE SON OF A BITCH...YOU KNOW ME, I'M JACK RUBY...I MEANT TO SHOOT HIM THREE TIMES, BUT YOU GUYS MOVED TOO FAST AND PREVENTED ME FROM GETTING AWAY BUT ONE SHOT...SOMEBODY HAD TO DO IT. SOMEBODY HAD TO TAKE CARE OF IT. YOU GUYS COULDN'T DO IT.. YOU DIDN'T THINK I WAS GOING TO LET HIM GET BY WITH IT, DID YOU?"

AS BELLI AND HIS DEFENSE ASSOCIATES POLISHED THEIR CASE OVER THE WEEK-END, THEY HAD ONE PIECE OF STATE TESTIMONY TO COMFORT THEM. ONE POLICE HEARD RUBY SAY AFTER OSWALD'S SHOOTING:

"YOU WON'T BELIEVE THIS, BUT I COULDN'T HAVE PLANNED THIS THING. I COULDN'T HAVE TIMED IT SO PERFECT."

AS BELLI PUT IT TO THE JURY:

"THE FATES CONSPIRED THAT HE GOT THERE JUST AS OSWALD CAME OUT. DOCTORS WILL TELL YOU WHAT TRANSPIRED WHEN HE SAW OSWALD...WE'LL TRY TO RECREATE FOR YOU THOSE THREE TRAGIC DAYS--WHAT HE'DID, THE INFLUENCES, THE IMPULSES ON HIS MIND...HE'LL TELL YOU WHEN HE TAKES THE STAND."

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