

Ruby May Be Losing His Mind

Dallas

After five months of isolated confinement, Jack L. Ruby shows signs of severe delusions, according to persons who see him daily.

"He talks about the possibility of being thrown into a pit and beaten with chains," one visitor reported.

A doctor who has seen him recently said that Ruby, sentenced to die for the killing of Lee Harvey Oswald, accused assassin of President Kennedy, "is going down hill all the time."

FEAR

Ruby's sister, Mrs. Eva Grant, said that he constantly expressed the fear that an attempt might be made on her life.

At every meeting at the county jail, Ruby also passes notes to his sister asking that she arrange a meeting for him with the Federal commission headed by Chief Justice Earl Warren, which is investigating the assassination.

His legal counsel believes, however, that Ruby is so un-

stable that he could not give a useful statement to the commission.

MIND

"His mind is spinning and running away," Mrs. Grant said.

A jury found Ruby guilty of murder with malice March 14 and voted death in the electric chair.

Ruby will not read the magazines, mostly copies of Reader's Digest, that have been taken to his cell. He explains that he is upset by hearing about life outside the jail.

"The day the President was killed, I thought the world had come to an end," he told one visitor. "Now life is going on again about the same, except that I'm in here—all because of a few seconds."

Mrs. Grant said that most of the letters Ruby received were from people who condemned both her brother and his victim. She said, "They run along the line, 'You did a wonderful thing by killing a Communist, you slob.'"

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