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DALLAS, TEX., JUNE 4 (AP)-JACK RUBY IS TAKING SOME OF THE MEDICINE PRESCRIBED BY HIS PSYCHIATRISTS, DALLAS COUNTY MEDICAL AUTHORITIES SAID TODAY.

THE CONVICTED SLAYER OF ACCUSED PRESIDENTIAL ASSASSIN LEE HARVEY OSWALD EARLIER HAD REFUSED TO BEGIN TREATMENT AUTHORIZED BY DIST. JUDGE JOE B. BROWN FOR A MENTAL CONDITION DESCRIBED BY PSYCHIATRISTS AS A "PSYCHOTIC DEPRESSION."

A COUNTY MEDICAL AUTHORITY CONFIRMED TODAY THAT RUBY HAD BEGUN TO ACCEPT TRANQUILIZING PILLS (THORAZIN) BUT DID NOT TAKE THE MEDICATION EACH TIME IT WAS OFFERED TO HIM IN HIS COUNTY JAIL CELL.

THE MEDICATION HAS BEEN PRESCRIBED BY DR. WILLIAM R. BEAVERS, RETAINED BY RUBY'S FAMILY TO TREAT THE 53-YEAR-OLD FORMER NIGHTCLUB OPERATOR.

A SOURCE CLOSE TO RUBY'S FAMILY SAID YESTERDAY THAT THE CONDEMNED SLAYER HAD REFUSED TO TAKE ANY MEDICATION BECAUSE HE THOUGHT IT WAS POISON.

DR. J.M. PICKARD, COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER, CONFIRMED THAT A COURSE OF TREATMENT HAD BEEN PRESCRIBED AND THAT COUNTY NURSE FAY GARRETT HAD BEEN ORDERED TO CARRY OUT THE TREATMENT.

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