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Dallas, Tex., July 9 (AP)- Attorneys for Jack Ruby told Sheriff Bill Decker that the slayer attacked one of them during a county jail conference today.

The incident took place shortly after another defense lawyer said Ruby had expressed a desire to talk with Dist. Atty. Henry Wade.

Attorneys Phil Burleson and Joe Tonahill said Ruby tried to swing at Burleson, but the lawyer escaped injury.

Decker quoted Burleson as saying that Ruby "made a swinging motion" when he became angry during the afternoon conference.

"Ruby denies that he did so, but I'm sure he did," Decker said.

Tonahill, a 6-foot-4, 250-pound Jasper, Tex., lawyer, gave this account of the incident:

"Jack took offense at something that Phil said. He took a swing at Phil and lunged toward him. I jumped up and stopped him before anybody got hurt. I yelled, 'here comes Sheriff Decker.'

Actually, Sheriff Decker wasn't anywhere around, but that seemed to calm Ruby down."

The reported outburst was Ruby's third since a jury ruled he should die in the electric chair for the Nov. 24 slaying of Lee Harvey Oswald, a Marxist accused of killing President Kennedy here.

Decker said Ruby butted his head against a wall during one tantrum and smashed a light bulb during the other. Defense lawyers termed his behavior "more proof of his insanity," but prosecutors suggested he was "putting on an act."

Calayton Fowler, Ruby's chief defense lawyer, said his desire for a conference with Wade apparently prompted at least one of the letters which he sent to the district attorney.

It was reported this week that Ruby had sent letters to Wade.

Fowler said he does not know why Ruby wants to talk with Wade.

"I went to the jail and asked Jack why he sent the letters," Fowler said. "He wouldn't tell me. He's very suspicious and distrustful of everyone. But he did imply that he wanted to talk to Henry and this is one reason he wrote him.

Tonahill quoted Ruby as saying, "I wish Henry Wade was handling my appeal."

After relating how Ruby tried to injure Burleson, Tonahill said they may renew their request for a sanity hearing before a jury.

Meanwhile, Leon Hubert of New Orleans, a Warren commission lawyer, planned to return to Dallas next week to take more statements which the commission wants for its files.

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