

Belli Calls Case 'Shame Of Dallas'

PARIS — (UPI) — Melvin Belli, the lawyer who defended Jack Ruby, says Ruby's death is "the ultimate shame of the City of Dallas."

Belli, in Europe on a combined business and vacation trip, said:

"I can't understand why nobody realized that this man, kept under constant surveillance after a suicide attempt, was dying. Why did nobody check up?"

"Dallas flatters itself (that) it has the best medical care in the world. It brags about its hospitals and its great medical treatment.

"If it had happened in Breakwater, Tex., perhaps. But not in Dallas.

"While I'm not saying there's anything sinister about what's happened, it's just a case of damned carelessness. It's another tragedy, for Dallas."

The San Francisco lawyer said he is convinced Ruby acted alone when he shot Lee Harvey Oswald.

"All that talk about a plot is nothing but junk," said Belli. "There wasn't any plot. He was insane, that's all."

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DALLAS — (UPI) — Comments on the death of Jack Ruby by some of the principals involved in the events following the assassination of President Kennedy:

Mrs. Marguerite Oswald, mother of the assassin:

"I won't say that I am sorry or glad. I am the mother of the boy that man shot."

District Attorney Henry who prosecuted Ruby for murder:

"I have no comment."

District Judge Joe B. Brown, who presided at the trial:

"I am sorry he died. What else can I say?"

Phil Burleson, Ruby's chief attorney.

"It is a very tragic ending to a long chapter. I have not fully recovered."

Texas Attorney General Crawford Martin, asked about a new investigation:

"Unless someone has some new facts to be presented, I certainly see no need for another investigation."