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RUBY (190)

WICHITA FALLS, TEX., JAN. 30 (AP)-A DISTRICT JUDGE DISMISSED TODAY MURDER CHARGES AGAINST JACK RUBY AND EXPRESSED REGRET THAT THE KILLER OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD DID NOT LIVE TO HAVE "A LEGAL TRIAL IN WICHITA COUNTY."

RUBY DIED OF CANCER IN DALLAS JAN. 3, NEARLY THREE MONTHS AFTER HIS ORIGINAL CONVICTION AND DEATH SENTENCE FOR SHOOTING OSWALD HAD BEEN OVERTURNED. A NEW TRIAL WAS ORDERED HELD IN THIS NORTH TEXAS CITY.

OSWALD WAS NAMED BY THE WARREN COMMISSION AS THE ASSASSIN OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY NOV. 22, 1963. RUBY GUNNED DOWN OSWALD TWO DAYS LATER IN THE BASEMENT OF THE DALLAS CITY JAIL.

DIST. JUDGE LOUIS HOLLAND OF MONTAGUE DISMISSED THE MURDER CHARGES AT THE REQUEST OF RUBY'S LAWYERS. RUBY'S SECOND TRIAL HAD BEEN TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN FEBRUARY.

"IT IS A FEELING OF RELIEF AS FAR AS I AM CONCERNED PERSONALLY," HOLLAND SAID, "YET I REGRET TO SEE ANYBODY COME TO THE DEATH THAT JACK RUBY MET WHEN AT LEAST HE COULD HAVE HAD A LEGAL TRIAL IN WICHITA COUNTY.

"BUT THE GOOD LORD SAW FIT TO BRING HIS TRIAL TO A CLOSE," HOLLAND SAID, ADDING, "I THINK IT PROBABLY WORKS FOR THE BEST."

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