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Chief Quits--- Nightmares Of Jack Ruby

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Police Chief Jesse Curry, who received national prominence at the time of the assassination of President Kennedy, resigned yesterday, giving tensions of the office affecting his health as the reason.

Curry will step down March 10 at the end of a current vacation.

The chief's letter of resignation said that the continued pressures and tensions of the office have affected his blood pressure, his doctor tells him.

After a short rest, the letter said, he will enter another line of work which was not specified.

Curry became chief Jan. 20, 1960, after progressing steadily in the department. He joined it in 1936 as a patrolman.

The chief and his 1100-man force were given considerable credit for swiftly capturing Lee Harvey Oswald, who assassinated the President and wounded Governor John Connally Nov. 22, 1963.

Then two days later a storm of criticism swirled around the department when Jack Ruby slipped into the City Hall basement and killed Oswald during a routine jail transfer.

A year later, Curry told a newsman, "I wake up every now and then at 2 and 3 in the morning thinking about Kennedy, Oswald and Ruby and can't go back to sleep."

He also said, "The worst thing that ever happened to us was Jack Ruby."

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