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WITH DALLAS RUBY (180)

CHICAGO, JAN. 20 (AP)-THE NATIONAL EPILEPSY LEAGUE URGED TODAY THAT THE PUBLIC NOT DRAW IMPROPER INFERENCES ABOUT EPILEPSY FROM TESTIMONY GIVEN IN THE JACK RUBY COURT HEARING.

RUBY, SLAYER OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD, IS SEEKING HIS RELEASE ON BOND WHILE HIS TRIAL IS PENDING.

AT A HEARING ON THE BOND PLEA IN DALLAS, A YALE UNIVERSITY PSYCHOLOGIST TESTIFIED THAT RUBY MIGHT HAVE A DISORDER KNOWN AS PSYCHOMOTOR EPILEPSY.

MAURICE A. MELFORD, LEAGUE DIRECTOR, SAID THAT BECAUSE THE GENERAL PUBLIC IS NOT FULLY INFORMED ABOUT EPILEPSY "THE INFERENCE LIKELY TO BE DRAWN HERE IS THAT EPILEPSY IS A DIRECTOR OR CONTRIBUTING FACTOR IN RUBY'S ACTION."

"THE NATION'S ESTIMATED TWO MILLION EPILEPTICS WILL SUFFER UNJUSTLY FROM ANY SUCH IMPLICATION," MELFORD DECLARED.

"IT IS POSSIBLE TODAY, WITH SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS SUCH AS THE ELECTROENCEPHALOGRAPH, FOR NEUROLOGISTS AND OTHER MEDICAL DOCTORS TO STATE WITH ASSURANCE WHETHER OR NOT A PERSON HAS EPILEPSY. AND EVEN IF IT IS SHOWN THAT A PERSON HAS EPILEPSY, THAT IS NOT PROOF THAT IT LED OR COULD LEAD TO MURDER."

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