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DALLAS, FEB. 7 (AP)-DIST. JUDGE JOE B. BROWN ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY THAT ONLY PAD-AND-PENCIL NEWSMEN WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE COURTROOM WHEN JACK RUBY, THE 52-YEAR-OLD BALDING NIGHT CLUB OPERATOR, IS TRIED FOR THE MURDER OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

IN A NEWS CONFERENCE, BROWN SAID HIS BAN ON STILL AND TV PHOTOGRAPHY AND RADIO TAPE RECORDERS WILL STAND.

HE ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT SEATS AT THE FEB. 17 TRIAL WILL BE ALLOTTED BECAUSE MORE THAN 300 NEWS MEDIA PERSONS HAVE ASKED TO ATTEND THE TRIAL AND ONLY 48 SEATS ARE AVAILABLE.

"I RECOGNIZE THE COURT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO THE PUBLIC IN AFFORDING THE PRESS THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE COVERAGE POSSIBLE," HE SAID.

"MANY IDEAS ON HOW TO SUPPLEMENT THE SCANT COURTROOM SPACE OF ONLY 48 AVAILABLE FOR THE PRESS HAVE BEEN EVALUATED," HE SAID. "AMONG THOSE ARE CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION, BROADCAST OF THE AUDIO PORTION, A LARGER COURTROOM AND TRANSCRIPTS."

HE SAID OFFICIAL COURT TRANSCRIPTS WILL BE FURNISHED THE PRESS AT INTERVALS THROUGHOUT THE COURT PROCEEDINGS, BUT NO CLOSED CIRCUIT TV, NO STILL OR TELEVISION CAMERAS, AND NO RADIO RECORDING EQUIPMENT WILL BE PERMITTED IN THE COURT ROOM WHILE THE COURT IS IN SESSION.

HE SAID THE NATIONAL PRESS WILL HAVE 24 OF THE 48 SEATS AVAILABLE, THE INTERNATIONAL PRESS SIX, THE DALLAS AND FORT WORTH PRESS 15, THE STATE PRESS TWO AND THE ARTISTS' POOL WILL HAVE ONE SEAT.

THE NATIONAL GROUP INCLUDES THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL, THE NATIONAL TELEVISION NETWORKS AND NATIONAL MAGAZINES. THE INTERNATIONAL GROUP INCLUDES REUTERS AND FOREIGN MAGAZINES AND NEWSPAPERS. THE FORT WORTH-DALLAS GROUP INCLUDES THE NEWSPAPERS AND RADIO AND TELEVISION STATIONS IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA.

RUBY, 52-YEAR-OLD NIGHT CLUB OPERATOR, IS CHARGED WITH THE NOV. 24 SLAYING OF OSWALD, ACCUSED ASSASSIN OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY.

A HEARING WILL BE HELD MONDAY ON A DEFENSE MOTION TO TRANSFER THE TRIAL TO ANOTHER CITY. RUBY'S ATTORNEY'S CONTEND THEY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO GET A FAIR TRIAL IN DALLAS BECAUSE OF NEWS STORIES PUBLISHED ABOUT THE DEFENDANT.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HENRY WADE SAYS HE WILL FIGHT TRANSFER OF THE TRIAL.

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