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WITH RUBY (180)

DALLAS, FEB. 10 (AP)—"THE MOST UNUSUAL COLLECTION OF WITNESSES EVER ASSEMBLED IN A DALLAS MURDER CASE."

THAT WAS SHERIFF BILL DECKER'S DESCRIPTION OF THE WITNESSES SUMMONED TODAY FOR THE HEARING ON A DEFENSE MOTION TO TRANSFER THE MURDER TRIAL OF JACK RUBY, KILLER OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY'S ACCUSED ASSASSIN.

A REPORTER COUNTED 78 WITNESSES WAITING TO TESTIFY. THE DEFENSE HAD SUMMONED 176.

THE WITNESSES WAITED FOR A TIME IN A SIXTH FLOOR ROOM OF THE COURTHOUSE. AS THE HEARING DRAGGED, THEY WERE TOLD THEY COULD GO BUT WOULD BE SUBJECT TO CALL ON 30 MINUTES' NOTICE.

THEY INCLUDED THE TOP LEVEL OF DALLAS' CIVIC, SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND RELIGIOUS LIFE--AND SOME CONSIDERABLY LOWER ON SOCIETY'S SCALE.

AMONG THEM WERE THE RT. REV. THOMAS K. GORMAN, BISHOP OF THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF DALLAS, STANLEY MARCUS OF THE FAMOUS NEIMAN-MARCUS STORE, AND CHIEF OF POLICE JESSE CURRY. ALSO AMONG THEM WAS THE BARTENDER OF RUBY'S OLD CAROUSEL CLUB, NOW KNOWN AS THE BIG D COPA. HE WORE WRAPAROUND SUNGLASSES AND KEPT CALLING HIMSELF SAMMY DAVIS JR.

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