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DALLAS, FEB. 16 (AP)-NEWSMEN ASSIGNED TO COVER THE JACK RUBY MURDER TRIAL PICKED UP THEIR CREDENTIALS TODAY AND WERE TOLD EVERY ORGANIZATION THAT HAD APPLIED FOR COURTROOM SEATS HAD BEEN ASSIGNED AT LEAST ONE.

THIS MEANS THERE WILL BE NO "POOL" COVERAGE--AN ARRANGEMENT IN WHICH A FEW REPORTERS BRIEF A LARGE NUMBER WHO CANNOT BE SPECTATORS.

SAM BLOOM, HEAD OF THE ADVERTISING AND PUBLIC RELATIONS FIRM WHICH HAS HANDLED THE MECHANICS OF ARRANGING COVERAGE FOR DIST. JUDGE JOE B. BROWN, AND MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF ANNOUNCED GROUND RULES FOR THE PRESS AT A MEETING THIS AFTERNOON.

MOSTLY THIS WAS A REPETITION OF WHAT JUDGE BROWN HAD SAID EARLIER:

1. NO CAMERAS, STILL OR MOVIE, WILL BE PERMITTED IN THE COURTROOM WHILE COURT IS IN SESSION. BUT PHOTOGRAPHERS WILL BE ALLOWED TO MAKE PICTURES IN THE COURTROOM BEFORE AND AFTER THE JUDGE CONvenes IT AND DURING RECESSES.

2. REPORTERS WILL BE PERMITTED FREE ENTRY AND EXIT AT ANY TIME, PROVIDED THEY HAVE THE PROPER CREDENTIALS.

EACH NEWSMAN ASSIGNED TO COVER THE TRIAL WAS GIVEN AN ORANGE BADGE BEARING HIS PICTURE AND THE NAME OF HIS ORGANIZATION. THIS IS TO IDENTIFY THE NEWSMEN TO SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES GUARDING THE COURTROOM, BUT IT ALONE WILL NOT GET HIM IN THE DOOR.

TO ENTER THE COURTROOM, HE ALSO MUST WEAR A GREEN BADGE LABELED "COURTROOM" AND WITH A NUMBER ON IT.

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IF A NEWS ORGANIZATION ASSIGNED FOUR MEN TO COVER THE TRIAL BUT RECEIVE ONLY TWO COURTROOM PASSES, A MAN LEAVING THE ROOM CAN HAND HIS PASS OVER TO ANOTHER OUTSIDE THE DOOR SO THAT THEY CAN WORK AS A RELAY TEAM.

ORIGINALLY THE JUDGE HAD SAID SOME ORGANIZATIONS WOULD HAVE TO POOL THEIR MANPOWER. THIS WAS BECAUSE JUDGE BROWN'S COURTROOM WILL SEAT ONLY 62 PERSONS AND THERE HAD BEEN ABOUT 300 REQUESTS FOR SEATS.

BUT JUDGE J. FRANK WILSON SAID FRIDAY THAT BROWN COULD USE HIS COURTROOM, WHICH WILL SEAT ABOUT 200.

BLOOM SAID THIS MEANT THAT POOLING COULD BE ELIMINATED. SOME ORGANIZATIONS STILL WERE UNABLE TO OBTAIN AS MANY COURTROOM SEATS AS THEY WANTED, BUT NOW EVERY ORGANIZATION WHICH HAD APPLIED WILL BE ABLE TO HAVE AT LEAST ONE OF ITS OWN MEN INSIDE THE COURTROOM AT ALL TIMES.

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