

AMS BUDGET

DALLAS JAILBREAK & REACTION (600)

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DALLAS, MARCH 7 (AP)--"YOU CAN'T WIN THEM ALL," COMMENTED DALLAS MAYOR J. ERIK JONSSON (CQ) TODAY AS HE REFLECTED ON FRIDAY'S BIZARRE ESCAPE OF SEVEN PRISONERS FROM THE COUNTY JAIL BUILDING WHERE JACK RUBY IS ON TRIAL.

THE SPECTACULAR JAILBREAK--WHICH TOOK PLACE AS THE TRIAL WAS IN SESSION AND LED THE FLEEING PRISONERS DIRECTLY BY THE COURTROOM DOOR--SO TERRIFIED A PREGNANT STRIP TEASER WAITING TO TESTIFY THAT SHE COLLAPSED IN A NEAR SWOON.

SIDEWALKS OUTSIDE THE COURT BUILDING RESEMBLED MOVIE SETS AS A HORDE OF SHERIFF DEPUTIES GINGERLY TRAILED AN ESCAPEE TRYING TO GAIN FREEDOM BY WALKING A WOMAN HOSTAGE DOWN THE SIDEWALK. THE ABDUCTOR HAD WHAT LOOKED LIKE A PISTOL IN THE WOMAN'S BACK.

THE INCREDIBLE SCENE BENATH THE WINDOWS OF THE RUBY TRIAL COURTROOM WAS LESS THAN A BLOCK FROM THE INTERSECTION OF HOUSTON AND ELM STREETS--WHERE RIFLE BULLETS KILLED PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY NOV. 22.

A PERSON IN THE SIXTH FLOOR WINDOW OF THE TEXAS SCHOOL BOOK DEPOSITORY WOULD HAVE HAD A RING-SIDE VIEW OF FRIDAY'S ACTION. IT WAS FROM THIS WINDOW THAT LEE HARVEY OSWALD ALLEGEDLY FIRED THE FATAL KENNEDY BULLETS.

LAWYERS WERE OPENING THE CASE FOR RUBY AS THE ESCAPE BEGAN. THE STATE WANTS TO PUT RUBY IN THE ELECTRIC CHAIR FOR HIS SLAYING OF OSWALD NOV. 24.

A MILLING CROWD HAD GATHERED ON THE SAME SIDEWALKS NOV. 23 WHEN WORD GOT AROUND THAT OSWALD WOULD BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE CITY TO THE COUNTY JAIL. THE TRANSFER WAS DELAYED, AND RUBY GUNNED OSWALD DOWN AT CITY HALL NOV. 24.

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MOST PERSONS IN THE CROWDED COURTROOM FRIDAY KNEW NOTHING OF THE BEDLAM IN THE HALL CAUSED BY THE BREAK. COURT PROCEEDINGS WERE NOT INTERRUPTED.

COURTHOUSE SPECULATION TODAY CENTERED ON THE PROBABILITY THAT THE ESCAPEES--WIELDING A FAKE PISTOL AND A LETHAL KNIFE FASHIONED FROM RAZOR BLADES--SEIZED ON THE GENERAL CONFUSION FOSTERED BY THE RUBY TRIAL TO EXECUTE THE BREAK.

"THEY KNEW THAT OFFICERS WOULDN'T START SHOOTING AT THEM IN THAT HALLWAY FILLED WITH INNOCENT SPECTATORS AND NEWSMEN," A DEPUTY SHERIFF SAID.

FOUR OF THE ESCAPEES WERE RECAPTURED SHORTLY AFTER THE BREAK. A FIFTH WAS APPREHENDED EARLY TODAY. TWO REMAIN AT LARGE.

MAYOR JONSSON WAS ASKED WHAT THE ESCAPE WOULD DO TO THE "IMAGE OF DALLAS," WHICH HAS BEEN A SUBJECT OF CONTROVERSY SINCE UNITED NATIONS AMBASSADOR ALDAI STEVENSON WAS STRUCK WITH A PLACARD AND SPAT UPON LAST OCTOBER.

"OF COURSE IT'S UNFORTUNATE. IT CAN AND I SUPPOSE IT WILL BE SEIZED UPON BY MANY WHO ARE LOOKING FOR WAYS TO POINT A FINGER AT DALLAS.

"BUT PEOPLE OUGHT TO KEEP IN MIND THAT IF THE BREAK HAD HAPPENED SIX MONTHS BEFORE OR AFTER WHEN IT DID, IT WOULD HAVE RECEIVED LITTLE NOTICE.

"IT WOULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN ON PAGE 56 OF SOME OF THE NEW YORK PAPERS WHO HAVE PUT IT ON THE FRONT PAGE," JONSSON SAID.

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ALLAN SWEATT, CHIEF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR WITH THE DALLAS SHERIFF'S OFFICE, COMMENTED TERSELY:

"YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE ESCAPES AS LONG AS YOU HAVE JAILS." HE ADDED:

"MOST PRISONERS SPEND 24 HOURS A DAY TRYING TO BEAT YOU (ESCAPE). WE CAN'T SPEND 24 HOURS A DAY FOR EACH INMATE TRYING TO THINK UP WAYS JUST TO KEEP HIM IN."

SHERIFF BILL DECKER, WORKING OVERTIME TRYING TO RECAPTURE THE PRISONERS, COMMENTED:

"THERE WILL ALWAYS BE JAILBREAKS WHERE THERE IS ROOM FOR HUMAN ERROR."

DEFENSE ATTORNEY JOE TONAHILL SAID TODAY THAT THE ESCAPE COULD HAVE "PUT A BIG DENT IN THE DEFENSE."

HE REFERRED TO MRS. KAREN LYNN BENNETT (LITTLE LYNN), A 19-YEAR-OLD STRIPPER WHO USED TO WORK IN ONE OF RUBY'S NIGHTCLUBS. LITTLE LYNN, WHO SAID HER BABY IS THREE DAYS OVERDUE, WAS WAITING TO TESTIFY.

WHEN SHE SAW THE MAN WITH THE FAKE GUN, SHE CRIED:

"OH, MY GOD, HE'S AFTER ME." SHE NEARLY FAINTED BUT REGAINED HER COMPOSURE IN TIME TO TAKE THE WITNESS STAND.

LITTLE LYNN WAS ARRESTED IN DECEMBER WHEN SHE SHOWED UP AT A RUBY BOND HEARING WITH A PISTOL IN HER PURSE. THE GUN HAD NO FIRING PIN AND WASN'T LOADED. SHE SAID HER LIFE HAD BEEN THREATENED THEN.

"IF THE JAIL BREAK HAD CAUSED HER DELIVERY, SHE COULDN'T HAVE TESTIFIED. WE NEEDED HER TESTIMONY TO KNOCK OUT PREMEDITATION," TONAHILL SAID.

RUBY ALLEGEDLY SENT LITTLE LYNN A \$25 MONEY ORDER FOUR MINUTES BEFORE HE SHOT OSWALD.

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