RUBY REACTION BUDGET (480)
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LONDON, MARCH 15 (AP)-EUROPE'S SUNDAY NEWSPAPERS HEADLINED
THE DEATH SENTENCE FOR JACK RUBY, WITH SOME SAYING IT CAST DOUBT
ON TEXAS JUSTICE.

IN STOCKHOLM, THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC STOCKHOLMS-TIDNINGEN, REGARDED AS A GOVERNMENT MOUTHPIECE, SAID EDITORIALLY THAT THE TRIAL WAS A MACABRE AFFAIR.

"THE DEFENSE WILL APPEAL THE DEATH SENTENCE AND THE CASE IS NOT YET CLOSED. MEANWHILE THE SPECULATIONS ABOUT LEE HARVEY OSWALD'S GUILT HAVE BEEN INTENSIFIED. AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF THE HALF-TRUTHS, THE SHUFFLED-OFF FACTS AND THE PLAIN LIES OF THE DALLAS POLICE, MORE AND STRONGER DOUBT HAS ARISEN ABOUT THE ASSUMPTION THAT OSWALD KILLED PRESIDENT KENNEDY OR AT LEAST THAT HE WAS A LONELY HUNTER," THE PAPER SAID.

"JACK RUBY'S SHOT IN DALLAS HAS PERHAPS FOREVER PREVENTED THE WORLD FROM LEARNING THE REAL TRUTH."

"BUT IF HE IS EXECUTED IT WILL BY NO MEANS ADD NEW LIGHT
TO THE AFFAIR--REGARDLESS OF THE FACT THAT CAPITAL PUNISHMENT
IS PRINCIPALLY CONDEMNABLE IN A COUNTRY THAT CLAIMS TO BE CIVILIZED.

"THE WAY IN WHICH THE RUBY TRIAL HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT HAS BY NO MEANS CREATED CONFIDENCE IN AMERICAN JUSTICE ON THE STATE LEVEL.

"NEW FEDERAL INVESTIGATORS ARE NECESSARY IF WE EVER SHALL LEARN THE WHOLE TRUTH ABOUT JACK RUBY'S MOTIVES. THAT CLARITY WASN'T BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE DALLAS TRIAL."

SWEDEN'S BIGGEST MORNING NEWSPAPER, THE LIBERAL "DAGENS NYHETER," HOWEVER, DECLARED EDITORIALLY THAT THE DEATH SENTENCE IN THE JACK RUBY TRIAL "SHOWS THAT THE DALLAS JURY SUCCEEDED IN RESISTING THE LOCAL OPINION THAT THE MURDER OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD WAS A PATRIOTIC DEED OR AT LEAST SOMETHING THAT SHOULDN'T BE PUNISHED."

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"THE SENTENCE WILL SURELY BE APPEALED AND THERE ARE SEVERAL REASONS TO BELIEVE THAT NEW FACTS CAN BE BROUGHT INTO DAYLIGHT DURING THE FUTURE DEALING WITH THE CASE," THE PAPER SAID. "EVERY DEATH SENTENCE IS, OF COURSE, CONDEMNABLE. BUT WHAT WE TODAY REGARD AS MOST OBVIOUS IS THAT JACK RUBY HAS NOT BEEN TREATED AS A HERO BUT A CRIMINAL."

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RUBY'S CONVICTION AND SENTENCE WERE REPORTED WITH VIVID HEADLINES AND PICTURES IN THE BRITISH MASS CIRCULATION SUNDAY PRESS.

EVERY LONDON PAPER CARRIED THE STORY PROMINENTLY ON ITS FRONT PAGE SAMPLE HEADLINES:

- -- "RUBY TO DIE--LAWYER RAGES AT THE JURY"-- SUNDAY EXPRESS.
- -- "THE CHAIR FOR RUBY" -- NEWS OF THE WORLD:
- -- "RUBY TO DIE--THEN HELL BREAKS LOOSE" -- THE PEOPLE.

DESCRIBING THE COURT HUBBUB, THE SUNDAY TELEGRAP'S CORRESPONDENT IN DALLAS REPORTED:

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"THE VERDICT, SEEN ON TELEVISION, WAS ACCOMPANIED BY ONE OF THE MOST INCREDIBLE SCENES I HAVE WITNESSED IN 12 YEARS OF ATTENDING TRIALS."

IN MOSCOW THE DEATH SENTENCE WAS COVERED WITH A SINGLE PARAGRAPH.
THE PAPERS SAID SIMPLY RUBY HAD BEEN SENTENCED TO DEATH.

IN BERLIN THE COMMUNIST PARTY NEWSPAPER OF EAST GERMANY, NEUES DEUTSCHLAND, CARRIED ON ITS FRONT PAGE A 300-WORD, FACTUAL ACCOUNT OF THE SENTENCING.

BOTH SUNDAY PAPERS IN PARIS HEADLINED THE VERDICT OF DEATH FOR JACK RUBY. NEITHER MADE ANY EDITORIAL COMMENT.

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