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SAN ANTONIO, TEX., MARCH 17 (AP)-JACK RUBY'S DEFENSE ATTORNEY, MELVIN BELLI, WHO SAID "ALL I WANT TO DO IS GET THAT STINKING DALLAS OUT OF MY NOSE," BOUGHT A NEW PAIR OF BOOTS TODAY, THEN HEADED FOR MEXICO CITY.

BELLI, HERE FOR ONLY A FEW HOURS, TOLD NEWSMEN AT A BOOT SHOP THAT "DALLAS IS SICKER NOW THAN IT WAS WHEN THE PRESIDENT WAS KILLED. THIS TRIAL WILL GO DOWN AS THE GREATEST RAPE OF AMERICAN JUSTICE IN HISTORY."

HE SAID THE RUBY DEFENSE TRIED THE CASE PERFECTLY.

"THIS CASE COULDN'T BE TRIED ANY OTHER WAY," HE SAID. "I TOLD YOU ALL ALONG WE COULDN'T GET A FAIR TRIAL IN DALLAS."

RUBY WAS CONVICTED OF MURDER AND GIVEN THE DEATH PENALTY SATURDAY IN DALLAS FOR THE SHOOTING OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD, ACCUSED PRESIDENTIAL ASSASSIN. BELLI SAID AN APPEAL WILL BE FILED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

HE SAID HE WOULD ACCEPT SAN ANTONIO AS A POSSIBLE SITE FOR A NEW TRIAL IF ONE SHOULD BE GRANTED BY THE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS.

EARLIER IN THE DAY, BELLI SAID IN AUSTIN HE CANCELED A SPEECH AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS LAW SCHOOL BECAUSE HE DID NOT WANT TO RAISE A FUSS.

"ALL I WANT TO DO IS GET THAT STINKING DALLAS OUT OF MY NOSE," BELLI TOLD THE ASSOCIATED PRESS. "I WANT TO LOOK AROUND AND SEE SOME OTHER PARTS OF THE STATE BESIDES DALLAS."

BELLI LEFT AT MID-AFTERNOON BY TRAIN FOR MEXICO CITY. HE SAID HE EXPECTED TO STAY IN MEXICO ONLY ONE DAY, THEN RETURN TO HIS HOME IN SAN FRANCISCO.

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SAN ANTONIO, TEX.--FIRST ADD BELLI (A151DN) XXX HOME IN SAN FRANCISCO.

IN NUEVO LAREDO, MEXICO, BELLI WAS TOLD OF REMARKS MADE TONIGHT BY TEXAS ATTY. GEN. WAGGONER CARR TO A STUDENT GROUP IN AUSTIN, TEX.

CARR TOLD UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS LAW STUDENTS BELLI "HAD BECOME PANIC STRICKEN UPON RECEIVING A VERDICT ADVERSE TO HIS CLIENT...HE LOST COMPLETE CONTROL OF HIMSELF, AND IN A SHAMEFUL EXHIBITION PROCEEDED TO INSULT THE OPPOSING ATTORNEYS, THE COURT, THE JURY, THE WHOLE CITY OF DALLAS, AND THUS OUR STATE."

"IF THIS POLITICIAN IS RIGHT," BELLI REJOINED, "THEN THE JUDGE WAS COMPLETELY WRONG. THE JUDGE SAID HE CONSIDERED ME THE MOST BRILLIANT LAWYER TO HAVE PRACTICED IN HIS COURT.

"IT'S THE HABIT OF POLITICIANS TO RISE ON DEATH VERDICTS," BELLI ADDED. "HE IS OBVIOUSLY PROTECTING DALLAS.

"I THINK HIS REMARKS ARE IN SHOCKING BAD TASTE...."

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