

# Ruby's New Lawyer Quits---'Interference'

## Dallas

The new defense counsel in the Jack Ruby murder case resigned yesterday. He charged that Ruby's relatives and an attorney not officially connected with the defense interfered with his efforts to save the slayer from the electric chair.

"You can call it a clash of personalities; a difference of

opinion," said Percy Foreman of Houston.

Foreman four days ago replaced Attorney Melvin Belli of San Francisco, fired by the Ruby family for a tirade against Dallas and the "kangaroo court" that convicted Ruby of slaying Lee Harvey Oswald, accused assassin of President Kennedy.

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"My idea is that when a lawyer accepts responsibility

for a man's life, he ought not to have to share that responsibility with a civil lawyer or with a number of unlicensed relatives," Foreman said.

It was Ruby's 53rd birthday. Foreman, 61, the most famous criminal lawyer in Texas, resigned in a friendly three-page letter which Sheriff Bill Decker personally delivered to Ruby.

Ruby's brothers, Sam,

Earl and Hyman, and sisters, Eva Grant of Dallas and Eileen Kaminsky of Chicago, hired Foreman. Foreman made it plain that his chief difficulties were with Mrs. Grant and Stanley Kaufman, a civil attorney and family friend of the Rubys.

"If he says I have curtailed his activities, he's lying," Kaufman said. "If Mr. Foreman cannot con-

vince Jack that he is the man he should retain, that's not my fault."

Of the attorney, Foreman said:

"Attorney Kaufman . . . thinks criminal cases should be tried as he tries civil cases. I do not agree with his opinion.

"Both attorney Kaufman and Mrs. Grant believe that your attorney should not an-

swer questions of the news media except with 'no comment.' I do not agree with this, especially in your case."

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