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CHARLESTON, W. VA., APRIL 11 (AP)--AN ATTORNEY FOR CONVICTED SLAYER JACK RUBY TOLD A MEETING OF WEST VIRGINIA TRIAL LAWYERS HERE TODAY THAT THE BIGGEST MISTAKE OF THE RUBY TRIAL WAS THAT IT WAS HELD IN TEXAS.

JOE TONAHILL, A CO-COUNSEL IN THE RUBY TRIAL ALONG WITH MELVIN BELLI, TOLD THE LAWYERS THAT RUBY COULD NOT GET A FAIR TRIAL "WITHIN 200 MILES OF DALLAS."

HE SAID HE FILED A MOTION THURSDAY BEFORE THE TEXAS SUPREME COURT TO SET ASIDE THE VERDICT, LISTING 196 POSSIBLE ERRORS IN THE MURDER TRIAL.

TONAHILL, A 6-FOOT, 4-INCH, 250-POUND TEXAN, SAID HE BECAME ANGERED SEVERAL TIMES AT THE PATTERN OF RUBY'S TRIAL AND HAD TO PAY \$500 FOR CONTEMPT FINES FOR HIS OUTBURSTS.

"BUT IN DALLAS, I WOULD FAR RATHER MEET SONNY LISTON THAN PROSECUTOR HENRY WADE," TONAHILL TOLD THE LAWYERS.

ON OTHER LEGAL TOPICS SURROUNDING THE RUBY TRIAL TAKEN UP AT THE SATURDAY SESSION, THE TRIAL LAWYERS STRONGLY DENOUNCED THE USE OF CAMERAS IN THE COURTROOM.

TONAHILL SAID HE VOICED AN EARLY OBJECTION TO CAMERAS BEING USED IN THE RUBY TRIAL, BUT THAT JUDGE JOE BROWN WHO PRESIDED OVER THE TRIAL TENDED TO FAVOR LIMITED USE OF CAMERAS. BROWN LATER WAS PERSUADED AGAINST ALLOWING THE CAMERAS, TONAHILL SAID.

~~TELEATTORNEY JAMES P. MC ARDLE, OF PITTSBURGH, BLAMED THE USE OF  
CAMERAS, TONAHILL SAID.~~

ATTORNEY JAMES P. MC ARDLE, OF PITTSBURGH, BLAMED THE USE OF TELEVISION CAMERAS JUST OUTSIDE THE RUBY COURTROOM FOR DOING "IRREPARABLE DAMAGE" TO THE IMAGE OF BELLI.

HE SAID THE CAMERA CAUGHT BELLI JUST AS HE WAS MAKING A CRITICAL OUTBURST AGAINST JURORS AND THE CITY OF DALLAS.

"THE CAMERA CAUGHT THIS HIGHLY RESPECTED LAWYER AT A MOMENT OF HIGH TENSION WITH UNFORTUNATE RESULTS," MC ARDLE DECLARED. "THIS SHOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN PERMITTED."

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