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RUBY (330)

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DALLAS, TEX., JULY 29 (AP)-JACK RUBY'S ATTORNEYS, WORKING AROUND THE CLOCK, BEAT THE LEGAL DEADLINE BY HALF AN HOUR YESTERDAY AS THEY FORMALLY LODGED 15 ALLEGATIONS OF ERROR AGAINST THE TRIALPCOURT IN WHICH RUBY RECEIVED THE DEATH PENALTY.

THE 15 FORMAL BILLS OF EXCEPTION REPRESENT A KEY EFFORT IN THE FIGHT TO SAVE THE FORMER STRIP JOINT OPERATOR FROM THE ELECTRIC CHAIR.

RUBY WAS SENTENCED TO DIE FOR THE SLAYING NOV. 24, 1963, OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD, THE MAN ACCUSED OF ASSASSINATING PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY. THE TRIAL WAS HELD IN MARCH.

OSWALD WAS GUNNED DOWN BEFORE A NATIONAL TELEVISION AUDIENCE IN THE DALLAS CITY HALL AS OFFICERS WERE TRANSFERRING HIM TO THE COUNTY JAIL.

DEFENSE LAWYERS NOW HAVE 60 DAYS IN WHICH TO FILE THE TRIAL
TRANSCRIPT AND BRIEFS WITH THE TEXAS COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS IN
AUSTIN.

JOE TONAHILL OF JASPER, ONE OF THE RUBY LAWYERS, SAID TODAY THE DEFENSE EXPECTS TO PRESENT ORAL ARGUMENTS TO THE APPELLATE COURT BY THE MIDDLE OF OCTOBER.

THE ERRORS ALLEGED YESTERDAY INCLUDED LITTLE THAT HAD NOT BEEN CHARGED IN APRIL WHEN ATTORNEYS ASKED FOR AND WERE DENIED A NEW TRIAL FOR THE 53-YEAR-OLD RUBY.

SOME 400 POUNDS OF NEWSPAPERS WERE BROUGHT INTO THE COURT ROOM AND PHYSICIALLY ATTACHED TO ONE BILL OF EXCEPTION WITH A LONG BLUE RIBBON.

DEFENSE LAWYERS PHIL BURLESON AND EMMETT COLVIN JR., WHO FILED THE BILLS, SAID THE SHOULDER-HIGH STACK OF PAPERS WOULD SUPPORT THEIR CONTENTION THAT THE RUBY TRIAL SHOULD HAVE BEEN MOVED AWAY FROM DALLAS BECAUSE OF WIDESPREAD PUBLICITY.

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RUBY STAYED IN HIS COUNTY JAIL CELL DURING YESTERDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.
HIS SISTER EVA GRANT, HOWEVER, WAS IN THE COURTHOUSE CORRIDORS AS
THE DOCUMENTS WERE FILED.

ASST. DIST. ATTY. BILL ALEXANDER SAID ONE OF THE ALLEGED ERRORS
WAS "AN UNTRUE ALLEGATION OF A DISGRUNTLED DEFENSE LAWYER."

HE REFERRED TO A BILL THAT ASSERTED THAT A DALLAS POLICE OFFICER GAVE PERJURED TESTIMONY AT THE TRIAL.

OTHER BILLS SAID TRIAL JUDGE JOE B. BROWN ERRED WHEN HE REFUSED

TO ALLOW THE DEFENSE TO ASK PROSPECTIVE JURORS IF THEY WERE MEMBERS

OF THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY; WHEN HE DENIED A PRE-TRIAL SANITY HEARING

FOR RUBY; WHEN HE ALLOWED PERSONS TO SIT ON THE JURY WHO HAD WITNESSED

THE TELEVISED SHOOTING OF OSWALD; AND WHEN HE ALLOWED FINAL ARGUMENTS

TO RUN PAST MIDNIGHT THE FINAL SESSION OF THE TRIAL.

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