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WITH WARREN; RUBY NIGHTSPOT (230)

DALLAS, SEPT.27 (AP)-THINGS ARE ON THE QUIET SIDE NOWADAYS AT THE CAROUSEL CLUB IN DALLAS. THEY'VE NEVER BEEN THE SAME SINCE NOV.22, 1963.

JACK RUBY CLOSED THE CAROUSEL ON THAT FRIDAY AND THE NEXT NIGHT, TOO. ON SUNDAY, HE SHOT DOWN LEE HARVEY OSWALD, ACCUSED OF MURDERING PRESIDENT KENNEDY.

THE CAROUSEL USED TO BE A MECCA FOR PEOPLE, USUALLY MEN, OUT FOR A NIGHT ON THE TOWN. CONVENTIONEERS FANCIED IT, AS DID YOUNG MEN FROM SMALL-TOWN TEXAS AND OKLAHOMA IN DALLAS FOR SOME FUN.

RUBY'S CLUB FEATURED STRIP-TEASE GIRLS AND BEER AND SET-UPS FOR MIXED DRINKS. RUBY OFTEN SERVED AS HIS OWN BOUNCER. HE WAS KNOWN TO HAVE PERSONALLY THROWN OUT BELLIGERENT DRUNKS.

NOW RUBY IS UNDER A DEATH SENTENCE. HE IS LOCKED UP IN THE COUNTY JAIL SOME 10 BLOCKS FROM THE CAROUSEL.

THE CLUB ITSELF WAS OUT OF OPERATION FOR A WHILE AFTER THE VIOLENT WEEKEND IN NOVEMBER. THE CLUB'S LICENSE WAS REVOKED AND NOBODY WENT THERE.

IT'S OPEN AGAIN NOW BUT THERE'S NO DRINKING.

NOT MANY PEOPLE GO THERE ANYMORE.

"IT'S SORT OF A SEMI-ACTIVE AMATEUR NIGHTCLUB," SAID DON SAFRAN, DALLAS TIMES HERALD AMUSEMENT WRITER.

THE RUBY FAMILY TRIED TO SELL IT AFTER RUBY WAS CONVICTED BUT IT'S NOT CLEAR IF THEY DID OR NOT, SAFRAN SAID. THEY MAY BE LEASING IT, HE SAID.

"THE LIQUOR BOARD IS RELUCTANT TO GIVE A LICENSE TO A PLACE THAT'S BEEN INVOLVED IN ANY SERIOUS CRIME," HE SAID.

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