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NIGHT LEAD RUBY (130)

DALLAS, FEB. 26 (AP)-A HEARING TO SET A SANITY TRIAL FOR JACK RUBY, THE CONDEMNED KILLER OF PRESIDENTIAL ASSASSIN LEE HARVEY OSWALD, WAS RESET TODAY FOR MARCH 8.

THAT WAS A WEEK'S DELAY FROM THE MARCH 1 DATE WHICH DIST. JUDGE JOE BROWN FIRST FIXED.

PHIL BURLESON, ONE OF THE CONSTANTLY CHANGING TEAM OF DEFENSE LAWYERS, ASKED FOR THE DELAY AND DIST. ATTY. HENRY WADE DID NOT OBJECT.

OSWALD WAS GUNNED DOWN IN THE BASEMENT OF DALLAS POLICE HEADQUARTERS TWO DAYS AFTER HE KILLED PRESIDENT KENNEDY. RUBY, THEN A NIGHT CLUB OPERATOR, HAS BEEN IN JAIL EVER SINCE AND HIS LONG ARRAY OF LAWYERS HAVE REPEATEDLY ASSERTED THAT RUBY IS INSANE AND HENCE INELIGIBLE FOR THE ELECTRIC CHAIR.

THE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS DIRECTED BROWN, THE TRIAL JUDGE, TO DETERMINE RUBY'S MENTAL STATUS. THE HIGHEST STATE COURT ON CRIMINAL MATTERS SAID THIS DATA IS ESSENTIAL BEFORE IT CAN HEAR RUBY'S APPEAL FROM THE DEATH SENTENCE.

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