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JACK RUBY BUDGET (270)

DALLAS, TEX., MARCH 6 (AP)-JACK RUBY RETURNS TOMORROW TO THE COURT ROOM WHERE HE WAS SENTENCED TO DEATH NEARLY A YEAR AGO FOR GUNNING DOWN PRESIDENTIAL ASSASSIN LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

THE OCCASION IS A HEARING AT WHICH JUDGE JOE B. BROWN OF STATE DISTRICT COURT WILL DECIDE WHETHER TO GRANT THE FORMER NIGHT CLUB OPERATOR A SANITY TRIAL.

COURT OBSERVERS BELIEVE THE SANITY TRIAL WILL BE ORDERED, AND JUDGE BROWN HAS INDICATED THAT IF HE SO ACTS, IT PROBABLY WILL START MARCH 22.

JUDGE BROWN, WHO PRESIDED AT RUBY'S MURDER TRIAL LAST YEAR, SAID TOMORROW'S HEARING WOULD BE BRIEF.

OBSERVERS SAID, HOWEVER, A SANITY TRIAL LIKELY WOULD RUN FOR SEVERAL WEEKS. EACH SIDE HAS INDICATED IT WOULD CALL A NUMBER OF PSYCHIATRISTS.

ONE SOURCE SAID SHERIFF BILL DECKER LIKELY WOULD BE THE STATE'S STAR WITNESS. IT POINTED OUT THAT THE SHERIFF HAS HAD AMPLE OPPORTUNITY TO OBSERVE RUBY'S MENTAL CONDITION DURING HIS CONFINEMENT IN THE DALLAS COUNTY JAIL.

RUBY WAS CONVICTED MARCH 14, 1964, FOR SHOOTING DOWN OSWALD IN THE BASEMENT OF THE DALLAS CITY JAIL NOV. 24, 1963, AS THE ASSASSIN OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY WAS BEING TRANSFERRED TO THE COUNTY JAIL.

RUBY'S DEATH VERDICT IS ON APPEAL TO THE TEXAS COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS, AND IT WAS ON ORDERS FROM THE APPEALS COURT THAT JUDGE BROWN WILL ACT ON A LONG-DORMANT DEFENSE REQUEST FOR A SANITY TRIAL.

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