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FIRST LEAD JUDGE BROWN-RUBY

DALLAS, JUNE 22 (AP)-JUDGE LOUIS HOLLAND OF MONTAGUE, TEX., HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO TAKE OVER FURTHER TRIAL COURT PROCEEDINGS IN THE JACK RUBY CASE.

THE NORTH TEXAS JURIST SUCCEEDS JUDGE JOE B. BROWN OF DALLAS, WHO REQUESTERDAY THAT HE BE REMOVED FROM THE CONTROVERSIAL CASE.

JUDGE DALLAS A. BLANKENSHIP MADE THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF HOLLAND'S APPOINTMENT THIS MORNING. BLANKENSHIP IS THE PRESIDING JUDGE OF THE DALLAS COUNTY FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE JUDICIAL DISTRICT.

HOLLAND PRESIDED OVER A MAY 24 HEARING IN THE RUBY CASE TO

DETERMINE WHICH LAWYERS SHOULD REPRESENT THE CONDEMNED MAN AT A

PENDING SANITY HEARING. BROWN HAD TEMPORARILY STEPPED DOWN FOR THAT

PROCEEDING.

BROWN'S REMOVAL, ETC., PICKING UP 4TH GRAF B30DN.
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DALLAS, JUNE 22 (AP)-NAMING OF A NEW JUDGE TO HANDLE STATE
COURT PROCEEDINGS IN THE JACK RUBY CASE WAS EXPECTED TODAY. HE WILL
TAKE OVER WHERE DIST. JUDGE JOE - BROWN LEFT OFF.

BROWN ASKED TO GET OUT OF THE CONTROVERSIAL CASE YESTERDAY AND HIS REQUEST WAS GRANTED BY DIST. JUDGE DALLAS A. BLANKENSHIP, THE JURIST WHO HANDLES SUCH MATTERS FOR THE DALLAS AREA.

BLANKENSHIP GAVE NO HINT WHOM WE WOULD DESIGNATE.

BROWN'S REMOVAL WAS THE LATEST SHAKEUP IN A CASE MARKED BY BITTER RECRIMINATIONS AMONG THE LAWYERS INVOLVED. AT LEAST 12 HAVE SO FAR ACTED AS CHIEF DEFENSE COUNSEL, ONLY TO BE FIRED OR TO QUIT.

RUBY, OPERATOR OF A DALLAS STRIP-TEASE JOINT, FIRED A BULLET INTO LEE HARVEY OSWALD BEFORE NATIONAL TELEVISION CAMERAS NOV. 24,

OSWALD WAS NAMED BY THE WARREN COMMISSION AS THE ASSASSIN OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY TWO DAYS EARLIER.

RUBY WAS TRIED BEFORE JUDGE BROWN AND WAS ASSESSED THE DEATH PENALTY MARCH 14, 1964.

BROWN GAVE NO REASON FOR STEPPING DOWN, SAYING HE DIDN'T THINK
"A JUDGE HAS TO GIVE REASONS FOR PERSONAL DECISIONS."

RUBY'S LAWYERS HAD TRIED FOR SEVERAL MONTHS TO GET BROWN
OUSTED. THEY CONTENDED THAT BROWN WAS NOT QUALIFIED TO REMAIN AS
JUDGE BECAUSE HE WAS WRITING A BOOK ABOUT THE RUBY TRIAL, AND THEREFORE HELD A PERSONAL INTEREST IN THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE CASE.

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BLANKENSHIP SAID A JULY & HEARING ON A MOTION TO DISQUALIFY BROWN WAS NOW A "MOOT POINT." HE SAID A SANITY TRIAL FOR RUBY WAS STILL PENDING ALTHOUGH NO DATE HAS BEEN SET.

THE TEXAS COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS IN EFFECT ORDERED A SANITY HEARING BECAUSE OF A LAWYERSS' WRANGLE OVER WHO SHOULD APPEAR FOR RUBY. HIS APPEAL FROM THE DEATH PENALTY REMAINS TO BE ARGUED BEFORE THE APPELLATE COURT.

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