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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 REQUESTED YESTERDAY THAT HE BE REMOVED FROM THE CONTROVERSIAL CASE.

JUDGE DALLAS A. BLANKENSHIP, PRESIDING JUDGE OF THE DALLAS COUNTY FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE JUDICIAL DISTRICT, ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT.

HOLLAND PRESIDENT 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 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 ACCUSED ASSASSIN OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY, BEFORE NATIONAL TELEVISION CAMERAS NOV. 24, 1963.

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

BROWN GAVE NO REASON FOR STEPPING DOWN.

RUBY'S LAWYERS HAD TRIED SEVERAL MONTHS TO GET BROWN OUSTED. THEY CONTENDED BROWN 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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HOLLAND WAS CONTACTED THIS MORNING BEFORE HOLDING COURT IN DECATUR, A TOWN NEAR MONTAGUE. HE SAID A HEARING DATE FOR RUBY'S SANITY TRIAL AND A CHANGE OF VENUE MOTION ON THE SAME MATTER WOULD BE SET AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DEFENSE LAWYERS.

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