

Second Ruby Trial Will Be Held In Wichita Falls Sometime in '67

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 6 (AP) —State District Judge Louis T. Holland announced today that Jack L. Ruby's new trial for the slaying of Lee Harvey Oswald would be held in Wichita Falls sometime next year.

Judge Holland, of Montague, said he had selected Wichita Falls because "it is accessible to all witnesses, has ample facilities, and is made up of a multitude of good, fair, honest people."

Wichita Falls is a city of 115,000 some 140 miles northwest of Dallas.

Ruby, a 55-year-old former night club operator, was convicted and sentenced to death by a Dallas jury on March 14, 1964, for the slaying of Oswald, the accused assassin of President Kennedy.

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals reversed the conviction Oct. 5 and ordered a new trial for Ruby outside Dallas. The appellate court cited inadmissible testimony from a police officer as the specific reason for the reversal. But it added that holding of the first trial in Dallas also constituted a reversible error.

Judge Holland announced the new trial site after a conference with prosecution and defense lawyers. Speaking of trial news coverage, the judge said:

"It will take the cooperation of attorneys, news media and the court to see justice."

District Attorney Henry Wade of Dallas, who led the original prosecution of Ruby, said shortly after the case was reversed that the state would again seek the death penalty.

Defense lawyers contended, however, that the stiffest charge on which Ruby could now be tried would be murder without malice, which carries



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District Judge Louis T. Holland in his Dallas chambers.



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a maximum sentence of five years in prison. Ruby has been confined in the Dallas County jail since the Oswald killing.