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NIGHT LEAD JACK RUBY (480)

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DALLAS, TEX., DEC. 13 (AP)-JACK RUBY'S ONLY CHANCE TO SURVIVE THE CANCER SPREADING THROUGH HIS BODY LIES IN TREATMENT BY DRUGS, A DOCTOR SAID TODAY.

DR. JACK BARNETT SAID RUBY CANNOT BE CURED BY SURGERY BECAUSE HIS CANCER ALREADY IS TOO WIDESPREAD. THE DISCLOSURE CONSIDERABLY DARKENED RUBY'S CHANCES FOR RECOVERY.

BARNETT ALSO SAID AT A NEWS CONFERENCE THAT ANOTHER TUMOR HAS BEEN FOUND IN RUBY, THIS ONE IN THE PLEURA, THE LINING BETWEEN THE CHEST AND THE LUNG. HE SAID IT IS THE SAME MALIGNANT KIND FOUND IN A LYMPH NODE IN RUBY'S NECK SATURDAY.

AN EVENING STATEMENT SAID RUBY WAS STILL IN SERIOUS CONDITON AND WAS "REASONABLY CHEERFUL AND CONTINUES TO BE FREE OF PAIN EXCEPT FOR MILD DISCOMFORT ASSOCIATED WITH THE CHEST TUBES." THE STATEMENT SAID RUBY READS OR WATCHES TELEVISION IN HIS IDLE MOMENTS.

BARNETT IS ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF INTERNAL MEDICINE AT THE SOUTHWESTERN MEDICAL SCHOOL, ADJACENT TO PARKLAND HOSPITAL WHERE RUBY WAS TRANSFERRED FROM HIS JAIL CELL FRIDAY.

RUBY, 55-YEAR-OLD FORMER STRIP JOINT OPERATOR, WAS AWAITING A SECOND TRIAL FOR HIS SLAYING OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD WHEN HE WAS HOSPITALIZED. THE WARREN COMMISSION NAMED OSWALD AS THE ASSASSIN OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY IN DALLAS NOV. 22, 1963. RUBY SHOT OSWALD TO DEATH TWO DAYS LATER IN THE CITY HALL BASEMENT AS OSWALD WAS BEING TRANSFERRED TO THE COUNTY JAIL.

A DALLAS JURY SENTENCED RUBY TO DEATH BUT A STATE APPELLATE COURT REVERSED THE CONVICTION.

DR. JAY SANFORD, ANOTHER MEDICAL SCHOOL DOCTOR TREATING RUBY, SAID THE CANCER IN HIS LYMPH GLAND WAS "MALIGNANT, BUT THAT DOESN'T NECESSARILY MEAN IT'S HOPELESS."

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THE DALLAS TIMES HERALD SAID TODAY, HOWEVER, THAT "A LARGE TUMOR MASS SERIOUSLY AFFLICTS" BOTH OF RUBY'S LUNGS.

IT SAID THE TUMOR SYSTEM WAS REVEALED BY X-RAY, AND QUOTED AN UNNAMED SOURCE AS SAYING, "IT IS QUITE EXTENSIVE."

BARNETT SAID FURTHER TESTS ARE BEING PERFORMED TO TRY TO LOCATE THE PRIMARY SOURCE OF THE CANCER WHICH HAS SPREAD INTO HIS LYMPH SYSTEM, WHICH IS SIMILAR TO THE BLOOD STREAM.

DOCTORS SAY THEY SUSPECT THAT THE SOURCE IS THE LUNGS, THE PANCREAS OR THE GASTRO-INTESTINAL TRACT.

"IT IS INCURABLE BY SURGERY," BARNETT SAID. "SURGERY MIGHT BE USED FOR BENEFIT, BUT NOT FOR A CURE."

BARNETT ALSO SAID RUBY'S LUNGS HAVE BEEN INFILTRATED BY "SMALL NODULES." HE SAID THEY MAY OR MAY NOT BE CANCEROUS, AND THAT TESTS ARE BEING RUN TO DETERMINE THEIR NATURE.

HE SAID RUBY'S ONLY HOPE FOR A CURE IS CHEMOTHERAPY, OR TREATMENT BY DRUGS. DRUG THERAPY CAN BE USEFUL IN SUPPRESSING A TUMOR AND IN ALLEVIATING PAIN, HE ADDED.

BARNETT ALSO SAID RADIOLOGICAL TREATMENT COULD NOT BE USED ON RUBY, AGAIN BECAUSE THE DISEASE HAS EATEN INTO HIM TOO EXTENSIVELY AND IS OF A CELL TYPE, WHICH DOES NOT RESPOND WELL TO SUCH TREATMENT.

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"HE IS ALERT AND IN REASONABLY GOOD SPIRITS," BARNETT SAID.

HE SAID RUBY EXPERIENCED "MODEST DISCOMFORT" THIS MORNING WHEN A SECOND TUBE WAS INSERTED INTO HIS CHEST TO DRAIN OFF FLUID. HE ALSO SAID RUBY HAD A MILD FEVER.

RUBY NEITHER SMOKES NOR DRINKS, AND APPEARED IN GOOD HEALTH UNTIL HE COMPLAINED OF CHEST PAINS FRIDAY. THE TENTATIVE DIAGNOSIS WAS PNEUMONIA.

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