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NIGHT LEAD RUBY (269)

DALLAS, TEX., DEC. 17 (AP)—JACK RUBY, SUFFERING FROM WIDESPREAD CANCER, IS HEALING WELL FROM A LIMITED EXPLORATORY INCISION PERFORMED AFTER THE KILLER WENT FROM HIS JAIL CELL TO A HOSPITAL DEC. 9.

THE FINAL HOSPITAL BULLETIN TODAY SAID RUBY, WHO KILLED LEE HARVEY OSWALD, RESTED WELL AND HIS CONDITION WAS UNCHANGED. THE BULLETIN SAID TREATMENT CONTINUED.

A DRAINAGE TUBE INSERTED AT THE POINT OF SURGERY IN THE NECK WAS REMOVED AND THE INCISION "IS HEALING WELL," THE HOSPITAL BULLETIN REPORTED.

SURGEONS FIRST FOUND CANCER BY DISCOVERING A TUMOR IN RUBY'S NECK IN A NODULE IN HIS LYMPH SYSTEM.

OTHER TESTS INDICATED THAT THE MALIGNANCY WAS WIDESPREAD, WITH ONE LUNG A MAJOR POINT OF SUSPICION AS THE CENTER OF THE DISEASE. THE PANCREAS IS ANOTHER POINT OF SUSPICION BUT DOCTORS SAID IT WOULD BE USELESS TO PINPOINT THE SOURCE OF THE CANCER AT THIS TIME.

RUBY KILLED OSWALD DEC. 24, 1963, IN DALLAS, TWO DAYS, SAID THE WARREN COMMISSION, AFTER OSWALD ASSASSINATED PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY. RUBY SLIPPED INTO A CROWD DURING A ROUTINE JAIL TRANSFER AND SHOT OSWALD.

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DOCTORS REPORTED RUBY RESTING COMFORTABLY AT PARKLAND HOSPITAL, WHERE HE IS GUARDED CONSTANTLY BY A DEPUTY SHERIFF IN HIS ROOM AND ANOTHER OUTSIDE THE DOOR.

RUBY WAS SENTENCED TO DEATH IN 1964 FOR THE MURDER, BUT AN APPEALS COURT OCT. 5 ORDERED A NEW TRIAL BECAUSE OF INADMISSIBLE EVIDENCE AND ORDERED THE TRIAL HELD OUTSIDE DALLAS. WICHITA FALLS HAD BEEN SELECTED FOR THE SECOND HEARING.

RUBY, 55, IS BEING TREATED WITH A CHEMICAL, 5-FLUOROURACIL. DOCTORS SAID THE CANCER WAS SO WIDESPREAD THEY COULD NOT RESORT TO SURGERY AND THAT THE PARTICULAR TYPE OF CANCER CELL IN RUBY DOES NOT RESPOND TO RADIATION THERAPY.

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