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WASHINGTON, JAN. 3 (AP)-JACK RUBY HAD COMPLEX REASONS FOR KILLING LEE HARVEY OSWALD BUT HE PINPOINTED THE TRIGGER-PULLING URGE THIS WAY: "I GUESS I JUST HAD TO SHOW THE WORLD THAT A JEW HAS GUTS."

THAT IS WHAT FORREST V. SORRELS, SECRET SERVICE AGENT, SAYS RUBY TOLD HIM RIGHT AFTER THE SLAYING OF OSWALD, IDENTIFIED BY THE WARREN COMMISSION AS PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY'S ASSASSIN.

THE SECRET SERVICE WAS TRYING TO FIND OUT WHETHER THERE HAD BEEN A CONSPIRACY TO KILL THE PRESIDENT OR WHETHER OSWALD WAS A LONER. THERE WAS TALK RUBY WAS PART OF A CONSPIRACY AND KILLED OSWALD TO SILENCE HIM.

LATER THE COMMISSION HEADED BY CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN, SET UP TO INVESTIGATE THE ASSASSINATION, ASSESSED THE TESTIMONY OF SORRELS AND MANY OTHERS. IT CONCLUDED OSWALD ACTED ON HIS OWN AND RUBY DID THE SAME.

SEVERAL BOOKS HAVE BEEN WRITTEN ATTACKING THE ACCURACY OF THE WARREN REPORT BUT FBI DIRECTOR J. EDGAR HOOVER SIDES WITH THE COMMISSION. HE SAYS NOT A SHRED OF EVIDENCE HAS BEEN DEVELOPED TO LINK ANY OTHER PERSON THAN OSWALD TO THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION.

RUBY SEEMINGLY WAS CONFUSED ABOUT THE MOTIVES THAT DROVE HIM TO GUN DOWN OSWALD IN THE DALLAS COUNTY JAIL TWO DAYS AFTER THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION ON NOV. ~~22~~ 1963. OSWALD WAS SHOT WHILE HANDCUFFED TO DETECTIVE J. R. LEAVELLE WHO WAS TRANSFERRING HIM FROM CITY JAIL TO THE COUNTY LOCKUP.

RUBY TOLD LAW OFFICERS HE KILLED OSWALD BECAUSE HE COULDN'T STAND THE THOUGHT THAT THE WIDOW, JACQUELINE KENNEDY, WOULD HAVE TO UNDERGO THE ORDEAL OF BEING BROUGHT BACK TO DALLAS TO TESTIFY AT OSWALD'S TRIAL.

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HE SAID HE FELT GREAT COMPASSION FOR CAROLINE KENNEDY, THE PRESIDENT'S DAUGHTER WHO WAS 6 YEARS OLD AT THE TIME OF THE ASSASSINATION. HE SAID HE HAD BEEN DRIVEN INTO A STATE OF INSANITY OVER THE WHOLE AFFAIR.

THEN, PRESSED FOR THE PRECISE REASON HE KILLED OSWALD, RUBY SAID HE GUESSED IT WAS TO SHOW THE WORLD JEWS HAD GUTS.

THE WARREN REPORT, RELEASED SEPT. 27, 1964, AND TESTIMONY DETAILS THE COMMISSION MADE PUBLIC NOV. 23, 1964, SHOW HOW THE WEB OF RUBY'S MOTIVES WAS WOVEN:

RUBY WAS AT A NEWSPAPER OFFICE PLACING AN ADVERTISEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE NIGHT CLUB HE OWNED. THERE HE LEARNED OF THE ASSASSINATION.

HE CANCELED THE AD, CLOSED HIS PLACE AND DID NO BUSINESS FOR THREE DAYS. HE SAID HE WAS SO STRICKEN THE DAY OF THE KILLING "I COULDN'T STOP CRYING."

SECRET AGENT SORRELS TOLD THE COMMISSION HE TALKED WITH RUBY IN RUBY'S JAIL CELL AND THE PRISONER TOLD HIM "THAT HE HAD BEEN GRIEVING OVER THIS THING."

SORRELS TESTIFIED HE WAS TOLD THAT "ON THE FRIDAY NIGHT (AFTER THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION) HE (RUBY) HAD GONE TO A SYNAGOGUE AND HAD HEARD A EULOGY ON THE PRESIDENT...THAT WHEN HE SAW THAT MRS. KENNEDY WAS GOING TO HAVE TO APPEAR FOR THE TRIAL, HE THOUGHT TO HIMSELF WHY SHOULD SHE HAVE TO GO THROUGH THIS ORDEAL FOR THIS NO-GOOD SO-AND-SO."

THE WARREN REPORT QUOTES RUBY AS SAYING:

"THE EMOTIONAL FEELING CAME WITHIN ME THAT SOMEONE OWED THIS DEBT TO OUR BELOEVED PRESIDENT."

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SO ON SUNDAY MORNING RUBY STUCK A GUN IN HIS POCKET, CALLED HIS PET DACSHUND, SHEBA, WENT TO THE POLICY STATION AND

MINGLED WITH THE THROG WAITING TO SEE OSWALD TRANSFERRED FROM CITY TO COUNTY JAIL.

IN FULL VIEW OF TELEVISION CAMERAS HE PULLED THE GUN AND SHOT OSWALD FATALLY.

RUBY'S CHARACTER WAS COMPLEX AND HIS BACKGROUND A PATCH-  
WORK. THE COMMISSION REPORT GIVES THIS PORTRAIT:

BORN IN CHICAGO OF POLISH IMMIGRANTS WHO WERE QUICKLY DISILLU-  
SIONED OF THEIR HOPES FOR SUCCESS IN AMERICA, RUBY GREW  
UP ON THE STREETS. HIS FATHER, JOSEPH RUBENSTEIN, WAS SAID TO  
BE AN EXCESSIVE DRINKER AND RARELY WAS EMPLOYED; HIS MOTHER FANNIE  
WAS AN UNSTABLE PERSON WHO AT TIMES WAS CONFINED TO A MENTAL  
INSTITUTION. RUBY WAS ONLY 10 WHEN HIS PARENTS SEPARATED AND HE  
WENT TO FOSTER HOMES. APPARENTLY HE NEVER WENT TO HIGH SCHOOL.

IN CHICAGO HE MANAGED TO STEER CLEAR OF INVOLVEMENT WITH POLICE  
WHILE IN A VARIETY OF VENTURES RANGING FROM TICKET SCALPING AND  
SELLING KNICKKNACKS TO PEDDLING HORSERACE TIP SHEETS. AFTER OC-  
CASIONAL PARTNERSHIPS IN BUSINESS WITH HIS BROTHERS OR SISTER, RUBY  
DRIFTED INTO OWNERSHIP OF A DALLAS NIGHT CLUB.

WHATEVER HIS SUCCESS HE OWED THE GOVERNMENT SOME \$40,000 IN  
FEDERAL TAXES WHEN HE KILLED OSWALD. HE HAD BEEN ARRESTED  
EIGHT TIMES BY DALLAS POLICE BETWEEN 1949 AND 1963 ON CHARGES  
RANGING FROM CARRYING A CONCEALED WEAPON TO PERMITTING DANCING  
AFTER HOURS IN HIS NIGHT CLUB.

THE STRANGE CONTRASTS OF HIS CHARACTER SHOW HIM TO HAVE BEEN A  
MAN OF COMPASSION IN SOME CIRCUMSTANCES AND IN OTHER BRUTALLY  
VIOLENT.

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RUBY WAS EXTREMELY FOND OF DOGS AND WAS INCENSED WHEN HE  
WITNESSED CRUELTY TO THEM.

BUT HE KEPT PHYSICALLY FIT AND ACTED AS HIS OWN NIGHT CLUB  
BOUNCER. THE REPORT SAYS THAT 15 TIMES SINCE 1950 RUBY BEAT  
WITH HIS FISTS, PISTOL-WHIPPED OR BLACKJACKED PATRONS WHO BECAME  
UNRULY. AT OTHER TIMES HE EJECTED THEM WITHOUT A BEATING BUT HE  
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A PSYCHIATRIST CALLED RUBY A "PSYCHOTIC DEPRESSIVE" DIVORCED  
FROM REALITY. FRIENDS SAID HE WAS A PUBLICITY HOUND, A GLAD  
HANDER, A NAME-DROPPED AND ONE ALWAYS SEEKING TO BE THE CENTER OF  
ATTRACTION.

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