

Ruby's Relatives

Charge Neglect

By United Press International
and The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Jack Ruby's family charged today their brother was neglected by Dallas authorities for months before his death and a funeral director revealed he received a threatening telephone call from the city where Ruby died.

Ruby's brother and sister made the charges of neglect and said published speculation that Ruby's slaying of Lee Harvey Oswald was a part of a plot robbed him of "the will to live."

Hershey Weinstein, president of the funeral home where Ruby's body was brought early today, re-

vealed that he received an anonymous person-to-person telephone call from Dallas during the night.

Weinstein said a man's voice told him "you possibly could have trouble. You'd better have security."

Then the man hung up, Weinstein said. He said the call was placed by a Dallas operator.

REJECT OFFER

Weinstein revealed he had offered to pay for the cost of Ruby's funeral and burial Friday but Ruby's family, although heavily in debt, had rejected the offer.

The sister, Mrs. Eva Grant, broke into tears at the

funeral home where Ruby's body lay as she charged "there was plenty of neglect there."

A brother, Ear, of Detroit, said "Jack was definitely neglected by the police of Dallas. Jack Ruby was throwing up in jail for four months and they neglected him for that time."

Both said Ruby, 55, died of "mental anguish" over the thought that people believed his killing of Oswald was part of a conspiracy linked to the assassination of President Kennedy.

GOOD AMERICAN

"He was a good American," Mrs. Grant said tearfully.

Chicago police manned an around-the-clock guard at Weinstein's funeral home on the northwest side.

Rumors circulated during the day that the Ruby family might attempt to bury him secretly to avoid publicity. However, Earl Ruby said plans for the funeral would proceed as previously announced.

Undertaker Tells Of Phone Threat

Earl Ruby said private services will be held. No news cameras will be allowed, he said, but reporters will be allowed to view the body before the services.

Five officers manning the guard at the funeral home refused to say what their orders were except to "be sure nothing happens to the body."

Ruby's body lay in a simple pine casket in the rear of the funeral home.

His death from a blood clot in the lungs forever clouded international doubts surrounding the assassination.

Until the very end, Ruby insisted he acted alone in fatally shooting Oswald.

Ruby had extensive lung cancer, but Dr. Earl Rose, Dallas County medical examiner, said it was a massive clot that would probably have killed him even if he had not been weakened by cancer.

Rose said, however, cancer would be listed on the death certificate as a contributing cause.