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NIGHT LEAD RUBY

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CHICAGO, JAN. 6 (AP)--THE BODY OF JACK RUBY WAS LOWERED INTO A GRAVE TODAY BEFORE A SMALL GROUP OF MOURNERS. IT WAS IN SHARP CONTRAST TO THE NOTORIETY THAT SURROUNDED RUBY AS THE SELF-APPOINTED AVENGER OF A MARTYRED PRESIDENT.

AT FUNERAL SERVICES IN A NORTHWEST SIDE CHAPEL, RABBI DAVID GRAUBERT TERMED RUBY "A MISGUIDED PATRIOT."

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"ON THE SURFACE RUBY WAS AN AVENGER," RABBI GRAUBERT SAID. "HE WAS AN AVENGER OF BLOOD WHO PURSUED THE MANSLAYER WHILE THE BLOOD WAS HOT. HE WAS A MISGUIDED AVENGER--A MISGUIDED PATRIOT."

NEWSMEN, PHOTOGRAPHERS AND THE PUBLIC WERE BARRED FROM SERVICES IN THE FUNERAL CHAPEL AND THE CEMETERY. BUT A CROWD OF CURIOSITY SEEKERS--ABOUT 30 WOMEN, 15 MEN AND 3 SMALL CHILDREN--GAPED AT THE GRAVESIDE RITES FROM OUTSIDE A HIGH WIRE FENCE. THEY WERE JOINED BY SOME 40 NEWSMEN AND TELEVISION CAMERAMEN.

"THERE GOES JACK RUBY," MURMURED ONE YOUNG WOMAN AS SHE WATCHED THE CASKET BEING LOWERED INTO THE GRAVE WHILE SHE HELD IN HER ARMS AN INFANT NURSING FROM A BOTTLE. THE TEMPERATURE WAS 34 DEGREES.

JACK RUBY, WHO STARTED LIFE IN CHICAGO'S MAXWELL STREET SLUM AREA 55 YEARS AGO, SHOT LEE HARVEY OSWALD NOV. 24, 1963 IN THE BASEMENT OF THE DALLAS, TEX., POLICE STATION TWO DAYS AFTER AN ASSASIN'S BULLET FELLED PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY. OSWALD WAS NAMED BY THE WARREN COMMISSION AS THE PRESIDENT'S SLAYER.

RUBY WAS CONVICTED OF MURDERING OSWALD BUT THE CONVICTION WAS REVERSED BY THE TEXAS SUPREME COURT.

RUBY WAS AWAITING ANOTHER TRIAL ON THE CHARGE WHEN IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT HE WAS SUFFERING FROM CANCER. HE DIED TUESDAY IN DALLAS.

ABOUT 30 MOURNERS WERE IN THE FUNERAL PARTY, INCLUDING RUBY'S SEVEN BROTHERS AND SISTERS. SIX POLICEMEN STOOD GUARD NEAR THE

CANOPIED GRAVE AND OTHERS WERE STATIONED AT THE CEMETERY ENTRANCE. IT WAS A COLD, DAMP, GLOOMY DAY, AND GRAVESIDE SERVICES WERE BRIEF.

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RUBY'S CASKET WAS COVERED BY AN AMERICAN FLAG WHICH WAS REMOVED BEFORE THE COFFIN WAS LOWERED INTO THE GROUND. ALL THE MOURNERS BY THEN HAD GONE EXCEPT FOR ONE MAN WHO STOOD SILENTLY AS CEMETERY WORKMEN PILED DIRT INTO THE GRAVE. OUTSIDE THE FENCE IN A SNOWDRIFT, A WOMAN SNAPPED PICTURES WITH HER CAMERA AS A TINY GIRL CLUTCHED HER SKIRT.

FUNERAL DIRECTORS SAID PERMISSION TO USE THE AMERICAN FLAG ON RUBY'S COFFIN WAS GRANTED BY THE VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION. RUBY SERVED 33 MONTHS IN THE ARMY AIR CORPS DURING WORLD WAR II. THE FLAG WAS GIVEN TO HIS SISTER, MRS. EVA GRANT, AFTER THE SERVICES.

RABBI GRAUBERT, PRESIDING RABBI OF BET DIN OF THE CHICAGO RABBINICAL ASSEMBLY, READ THE GRAVESIDE SERVICE, WHICH WAS FOLLOWED BY RECITATION OF THE KADDISH, A JEWISH PRAYER, DELIVERED BY RUBY'S THREE BROTHERS AND FOUR SISTERS.

THE GRAVESITE IS NEXT TO THE GRAVES OF RUBY'S PARENTS.

BEFORE THE NINE-MILE TRIP TO THE CEMETERY RABBI GRAUBERT AND CANTOR PAVEL SLAVENSKY CONDUCTED CONSERVATIVE JEWISH FUNERAL SERVICES IN A FUNERAL CHAPEL ON THE NORTHWEST SIDE. ALL BUT MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY WERE EXCLUDED AND THE RUBY FUNERAL WAS NOT LISTED ON THE CHAPEL DIRECTORY.

"JACK RUBY WAS A MISGUIDED AVENGER," RABBI GRAUBERT SAID IN THE FUNERAL EULOGY. "A MISGUIDED PATRIOT. HE LOVED THE MARTYRED PRESIDENT. BUT HE MADE IT HIS PERSONAL TASK TO AVENGE HIS DEATH. WE DO NOT CONDONE HIS ACT, BUT WE DARE NOT SIT IN JUDGMENT. THAT IS GOD'S BUSINESS."

RABBI GRAUBERT SAID RUBY WAS "A MAN WHO KNEW AFFLICTION, SUFFERING AND SORROW FROM HIS CHILDHOOD."

"HE WAS NOT A MAN OF EVIL," THE RABBI SAID. "HE WAS A MAN OF KINDNESS TO HIS LOVED ONES. WE PRAY FOR JACK, SON OF JOSEPH AND FANNY RUBENSTEIN."

NEWSMEN, WHO WERE PERMITTED TO VIEW RUBY'S BODY YESTERDAY WHEN THE BRONZE CASKET WAS OPENED, SAID IT WAS CLAD IN A BLACK SUIT AND TIE, WHITE SHIRT, AND BLACK SKULLCAP, WITH A TRADITIONAL JEWISH PRAYER SHAWL DRAPED AROUND HIS SHOULDERS AND COVERING HIS CHEST.

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