

Belli's Ruby Fee \$11,000, Court Told

DALLAS — (AP) — Lawyer Melvin Belli was paid \$11,000 plus expenses "which ran into the thousands" for handling the Jack Ruby case, Ruby's brother said yesterday.

Earl Ruby, a Detroit businessman, said the Ruby family became disenchanted with Belli even before the guilty verdict. He was dismissed in a "last straw" move when he tried to sell pictures of Ruby to Life Magazine, Earl Ruby testified.

The Ruby fund collected \$26,000 from the sale of a newspaper series but expenses have run almost \$59,000, the brother said.

Ruby and a sister, Eva Grant, testified in a probate court hearing on a will or codicil given by Ruby to a guard in the Dallas County Jail. The hearing continues today.

The family is attempting to prove Ruby was insane when he wrote the document leaving Norman Hooten a hat, a ring and a suit.

Jack Ruby died in January of cancer while awaiting a new trial for killing Lee Harvey Oswald, the man identified by the Warren Commission as President Kennedy's assassin.

Earl Ruby said his brother told him to kill his family "so they wouldn't suffer" from imagined persecution. Mrs. Grant said he raved of Nazi murders and conspirators in the jail.

Hooten, now unemployed, testified Monday Ruby always seemed rational during their conversations.

Dr. Eugene P. Frankel of Dallas said Ruby mentioned a plot against Jews shortly before his death. Frankel said Ruby felt he would die "one way or the other" and "didn't appear to have a great enthusiasm for getting well."

Dr. Louis J. West testified earlier Ruby was psychotic and had paranoid delusions.