

Sol A. Dann, Served As Lawyer for Ruby

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (AP)—Retired Attorney Sol A. Dann, whose stockholder's suit was credited with bringing about management changes at Chrysler Corp., died of an apparent heart ailment at his home here on Sunday. He was 72.

As attorney for Jack Ruby, Mr. Dann managed to get set aside Ruby's death sentence on conviction of murdering Lee Harvey Oswald, alleged assassin of President John F. Kennedy. But Ruby died in jail before his new trial could begin.

In recent years, Mr. Dann was a leader in the Zionist movement and contemplated moving with his wife to Israel.

Mr. Dann's Chrysler suit was filed after he announced at the 1960 annual meeting that he had evidence of payoffs, kickbacks, incompetence and waste in the company. Later he filed Civil Action No. 1330 in Delaware's Chancery Court naming as defendants Chrysler's chairman, former chairman, president, former president, 11 directors, nine vice presidents, 41 suppliers and 26 others.

Chrysler management announced at the 1961 meeting that it had enough proxies to defeat Mr. Dann's efforts to elect outside directors, but William C. Newberg was later forced out as president.

In the months after Newberg left, K.T. Keller retired as chairman and Tex Colbert resigned a year later as chairman and president.

Edward F. Cox, now son-in-law of former President Richard M. Nixon, wrote his bachelor's thesis at Princeton about Mr. Dann's lonely battle with Chrysler. "Dann's

suit was not a complete failure," Cox wrote. "All conflicts of interest were completely terminated by Management when the suit started."

Mr. Dann is survived by his wife, Anne, a son and four daughters.

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Sol Dann, left, shown with client Jack Ruby in 1965.