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AUSTIN, TEX., OCT. 23 (AP)—A STATE BAR SUBCOMMITTEE ASKED RADIO AND TELEVISION NEWSMEN TODAY TO HELP WRITE A CODE OF CONDUCT FOR LAWYERS, REGULATING THEIR REMARKS TO MEMBERS OF THE NEWS MEDIA OUTSIDE THE COURTROOM.

THE CANON, WHICH WOULD HAVE TO BE APPROVED BY A MAJORITY OF THE BAR'S MEMBERS, WOULD AFFECT A LAWYER'S COMMENTS PRIOR TO AND DURING A TRIAL IN WHICH HE IS INVOLVED.

THE SUBCOMMITTEE DISCUSSED THE SAME ISSUE WITH TEXAS NEWSPAPERMAN IN JUNE, AND A FOUR-MEMBER COMMITTEE WAS SET UP TO CONTINUE WORKING WITH THE BAR ON TRIAL NEWS COVERAGE, AN AREA OF PUBLICITY THE BAR SAYS IS A PROBLEM.

SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TALBOT RAINS OF DALLAS SAID ALTHOUGH THE BAR HAS BEEN CONSIDERING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR GOVERNING LAWYERS' REMARKS IN TRIAL SITUATIONS PRIOR TO THE JACK RUBY MURDER CASE, THAT PROBABLY HAS SPEEDED UP THE GROUP'S WORK.

RUBY WAS CONVICTED OF THE SLAYING OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD, ACCUSED PRESIDENTIAL ASSASSIN, AFTER A MONTH-LONG TRIAL LAST SPRING WHICH BROUGHT HUNDREDS OF NEWSMEN TO DALLAS.

DALLAS POLICE CAPT. GLENN KING TOLD THE GROUP HIS DEPARTMENT IS "RELEASING LESS INFORMATION NOW ON EVIDENCE THAN IT FORMERLY DID."

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THOSE PRESENT AT THE MEETING AGREED THAT THE RUBY-OSWALD SITUATION WAS A RARE INCIDENT AND SHOULDN'T BE CONSIDERED TOO HEAVILY IN DISCUSSING A POSSIBLE CODE FOR ATTORNEYS, BUT PART OF THE DISCUSSION CENTERED AROUND THAT CASE.

RAIN QUOTED FROM THE WARREN COMMISSION REPORT ON THE ASSASSINATION AND RUBY TRIAL AND ALSO THE TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT ON THE RECOMMENDATION THAT LAW OFFICERS, LAWYERS AND NEWSMEN SHOULD WORK TOGETHER TO SET UP FAIR STANDARDS FOR PRE-TRIAL NEWS COVERAGE.

JOE TONAHILL OF JASPER, ONE OF RUBY'S TRIAL LAWYERS, SAID, "UNLESS WE CAN COME UP WITH A WORKABLE JOINT CODE OF ETHICS...WE'LL ALWAYS HAVE A CONFLICT OF FREEDOM OF THE PRESS AND SPEECH" AND DUE PROCESS AND OBTAINING A FAIR TRIAL.

TONAHILL SAID ONE PROBLEM HE HAD DURING THE RUBY TRIAL WAS ANSWERING THE ACCUSATIONS THAT THERE WAS A TIE-IN BETWEEN RUBY AND OSWALD. "DALLAS DIDN'T GET A FAIR TRIAL AND NEITHER DID RUBY," HE SAID.

THE JASPER LAWYER WAS INVITED BY RAIN TO THE MEETING TO DISCUSS THE INTERESTS OF THE ACCUSED IN CRIMINAL TRIALS.

JAMES W. BYRON, NEWS DIRECTOR OF WBAP TV-AM, FORT WORTH, AND EDDIE BARKER, NEWS DIRECTOR, KRLD-TV, DALLAS, AGREED THAT MOST OF THE PROBLEMS IN TRIAL COVERAGE SEEM TO ARISE WHEN NETWORKS SEND REPRESENTATIVES INTO THE CITY WHERE THE TRIAL IS BEING HELD.

"IT'S BAD TO BASE WHAT WE DO HERE, THOUGH, ON THE ASSASSINATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES," SAID BYRON. "THAT'S SOMETHING, OF COURSE, WE HOPE WE NEVER EXPERIENCE AGAIN IN OUR LIFETIMES."

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