

Rumors Rejected

Ruby Alone in Slaying Oswald

Washington

The Warren Commission said yesterday that the evidence was persuasive that Jack L. Ruby acted independently in killing Lee Harvey Oswald, the assassin of President John F. Kennedy.

The commission rejected rumors and suspicions that Ruby, a Dallas night club owner, shot Oswald as part of a conspiracy.



JACK RUBY
As he was sentenced

A major factor in the commission's conclusion was its almost minute-by-minute reconstruction of Ruby's activities from November 21—the day prior to the assassination—to November 24, when he shot Oswald in the basement of Dallas police headquarters as Oswald was about to be transferred to the county jail.

THEORY

The commission pieced together the painstaking account on the theory that if Ruby had been involved in a conspiracy, his activities and associations during this period would in some way have reflected the conspiratorial relationship.

Other commission conclusions regarding Ruby were that he:

- Was not acquainted with Oswald.
- Had no connection with the Communist Party.
- Had no connection with ultraconservative causes.
- Was not significantly linked to organized crime.

The commission specifically discounted an allegation by a New York lawyer, Mark Lane, that an informant had told him that Ruby, Bernard Weissman and Dallas patrolman J. D. Tippit had met at Ruby's Carousel Club on November 14.

SLAYING

Patrolman Tippit was killed by Oswald shortly before Oswald was arrested on suspicion of murdering President Kennedy. Weissman was one of four promoters of an anti-Kennedy advertisement that appeared in the Dallas Morning News the day Kennedy came to the city.

The commission has investigated the allegation of a Weissman - Ruby - Tippit meeting and has found no evidence that such a meeting took place anywhere at any time," the commission report declared.

The commission did not analyze Ruby's possible motives for shooting Oswald. Ruby told the Commission that he did it to spare Jacqueline Kennedy the ordeal of returning to Dallas for Oswald's trial.

New York Times

'A Great Report,' Belli Says

Melvin Belli, chief defense counsel for Jack Ruby, drew upon the Warren Report yesterday for corroboration of his claim that Ruby failed to get a fair trial in Dallas.

The San Francisco attorney called it "a real great report, fulfilling the capabilities of the great Americans who were appointed to do it."

"I think this report should set at rest forever the conspiracy theory so belabored by the press overseas, and thus it should do a lot to restore our image abroad," Belli said.

The attorney said he noted particularly that it was reported Lee Oswald, the assassin, "couldn't have gotten a fair trial because of what the Dallas police and the district attorney said."

"This to me is corroboration of my statements that Ruby didn't and couldn't have gotten a fair trial, and corroboration of my statement that he was railroaded in a kangaroo court, the American Bar Association notwithstanding," he said.

The ABA was critical of Belli's criticism of the prosecution, the judge and the Dallas court after Ruby's conviction.

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