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Interview

No Conspiracy Ruby Insists

EDITOR'S NOTE — Gravelly ill of cancer, Jack Ruby lies in a guarded room in Parkland Hospital, where both President John F. Kennedy and Lee Harvey Oswald died before him. Herewith is an exclusive piece of Ruby's thoughts in his last days, in what may be his last statement for history.

By BERNARD ZAVIER

DALLAS, Tex. (AP) — Jack Ruby in his dying days still insists there was no conspiracy involved in the killing of Lee Harvey Oswald, named by the Warren Commission as the assassin of President John F. Kennedy.

Ruby, fully aware he is dying of cancer, wants to take any scientific test to prove for history there was no conspiracy.

"Jack has told me a dozen times or more he prays to be given a final lie detector test so Dallas after assassinating Ken-

people will be convinced that there was no plan on his part, or conspiracy of any kind, to kill Oswald," said Ruby's brother, Earl, a Detroit businessman.

"It is his last wish."

Earl Ruby and Elmer Gertz, Chicago lawyer and member of the legal team which on Oct. 5,

won a reversal from the state sentence for Ruby, described Ruby's plea to do anything to erase any doubt that he acted alone in shooting Oswald.

They had seen Ruby an hour earlier in Parkland Memorial Hospital where Ruby, under guard, is undergoing treatment.

This is the same hospital where the mortally wounded president and Oswald were taken.

Gertz and Earl Ruby were asked whether Jack Ruby has any regrets about killing Oswald and thus making impossible a trial, perpetuating for all time the feeling that the full story of the assassination will never be known.

"He has regrets, but they are not so much about Oswald," said Gertz. "These are regrets about the havoc caused to his people."

Ruby, a Jew, is known to feel as his action reflected poorly upon the Jewish people.

"Jack reads the newspapers and magazines and watches television and is aware of the controversy about the Warren report and all the books and articles which are constructing incredible stories of a conspiracy in which he is claimed to have had a part," said Gertz.

"He says, 'How can they think I am hiding anything or protecting anyone else? There was nothing to hide; there was no one else.'"

As he lies gravely ill, he still maintains — according to Gertz and Earl Ruby — that he never met or knew or saw Oswald until he saw him in jail, and I never knew Officer Tippit."

The Warren report said Dallas policeman J.D. Tippit was slain by Oswald when he fled to the Oak Cliff sections of

Out Of Court Settlement On Kennedy Book?

NEW YORK (AP) — Spokesmen for two publishers involved in the dispute with the Kennedy family over publication of the book, "The Death of a President," disclosed today that efforts are being made to settle the matter out of court.

The disclosure followed a statement by William Manchester, author of the book, denying that he had broken faith with Mrs. John F. Kennedy or that he had taken advantage of her confidence in him.

The book is about the assassination of President Kennedy.

"There are continuing efforts to patch things up," said a spokesman for Harper & Row, Publishers Inc., which plans to bring out the 300,000-word hardcover book in April.

"Every effort will be made to work things out," the spokesman said. "There are always the author's rights and her rights."

Asked if the aim might be to reach some understanding on the separation of deeply personal matter, which Mrs. Kennedy seeks to keep out of the book, from what is considered history, the spokesman replied: "I think that is pretty accurate."

A spokesman for Look magazine, which plans a four-part, 80,000 word serialization of the book starting with the Jan. 10 issue, said:

"Discussions between the lawyers representing the two sides in the dispute are continuing."

The New York Times reported that in Washington, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., brother of the late president, charged that Manchester "now intends to go ahead in violation of the word of his agreement, the spirit of his arrangements and despite the pain he knows it will give Mrs. Kennedy."

In his statement, issued through Look magazine Sunday, Manchester said:

"It has been said that my work is being published prematurely and that magazine serialization was not contemplated by the Kennedy family. This is not true. In the summer of 1965, authorization was given by the family for publication of the book in early 1967, to be preceded by serialization in Look magazine."

"I have been said that I have broken faith with Mrs. Kennedy; that I took advantage of her confidence in me and that I recorded too faithfully her words. I do not believe this to be so."

"Mrs. Kennedy gave me 10 hours of interviews; I did not, indeed could not, have conducted the interviews without her voluntary cooperation. Mrs. Kennedy herself did not ask to see the manuscript and still hasn't. If she had, I would, of course, have given it to her."

"John Kennedy was my president. To suggest that I would dishonor his memory or my association with him is both cruel and unjust. His standards of excellence have guided me throughout this work."

"I believe John Kennedy, who was himself an historian, would have wanted his countrymen to know the truth of those terrible days, and I have dedicated myself for nearly three years to reliving and reconstructing those so that the truth could be faithfully and accurately recorded."

A hearing on Mrs. Kennedy's suit to block publication is set for Dec. 27. The defendants — Manchester; Harper & Row; and Cowles Communications, Inc., publishers of Look — are scheduled to file written briefs Thursday in reply to the suit.

In her suit, Mrs. Kennedy charged breach of contract, invasion of privacy and infringement of her copyright by unauthorized use of her name in advertisements and promotion.

In the South, the United States continued beefing up its troop strength with the arrival of a guerrilla-trained brigade of the 31 Infantry Division — the old outfit of Gen. William C. Westmoreland, U.S. commander in South Vietnam. He was on hand to greet them.

Ground fighting tapered off to small-scale skirmishes.

In the new raids in the Hanoi area, a U.S. spokesman in Saigon said, initial pilot reports indicated all the ordnance from the U.S. planes hit in the target area.

Cease-Fire Cooperation Is Pledged

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP) — The United States today asked U.N. Secretary-General U Thant to take whatever steps were necessary to arrange a cease-fire in Vietnam.

The request was handed to the secretary-general by U.S. Ambassador Arthur J. Goldberg during a 20-minute private meeting.

Goldberg pledged full U.S. cooperation in any cease-fire efforts.

The U.S. request was contained in a letter which stressed the desire of President Johnson for an end of the Vietnam conflict, and the U.S. hope that the secretary-general might be able to take a useful initiative.

Goldberg said a cease-fire could be the first order of business at a peace conference "or could be the subject of preliminary discussions."

"I herewith reaffirm our commitment to that proposal," Goldberg declared, noting that both James Lee Collins, 18, Erlanger, Ky., was jailed on a preliminary charge of first-degree murder.

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Commander Hope —

Christmas Invasion In Vietnam

SAIGON, South Vietnam (AP) —

The GIs in Vietnam are getting ready for a Christmas invasion, and some of it should be fun.

Bob Hope commands the largest task force of invaders, but the bare legs and jokes of his troupe will share the spotlight with Billy Graham, Francis Cardinal Spellman and several congressmen.

Evangelist Graham and the Roman Catholic archbishop of New York both have scheduled trips to military installations and will conduct some religious services.

Hope left Los Angeles Friday, with his 66-member fun company for his 15th annual Christmas tour and his 25th journey to entertain American servicemen.

Hope's troupe also includes Phyllis Diller, Joey Heatherton, Anita Bryant, Les Brown and his band, and the Korean Kittens. They will perform in Vietnam, Guam, Thailand and the Philippines.

Gen. Earle Johnson, U.S. Army chief of staff, also will be in Vietnam this week. But the average soldier will be a lot more interested in Chris Noel, a 26-year-old disc jockey who is in Saigon to attract attention for his program. Her 36-24-36 dimensions, mini-skirt eight inches above the knee, green eyes and blonde hair attracted con-

siderable attention on the street Sunday. She will be on the armed forces radio all this week.

Author John Steinbeck also is visiting with troops and four members of Congress are expected to remain for the holidays — Sen. Stuart Symington, D-Mo., and Reps. Joseph V. Resnick, D-N.Y., George W. Grider, D-Tenn., and Lera Thomas, D-Tex.

Although both sides have proclaimed 48-hour cease-fires for Christmas and New Year's, some of the GIs will miss the visiting VIP's because they will be on watch-posts with eyes peeled for an unwanted Viet Cong visitor.

Held In Death Of Trooper

GREENSBURG, Ind. (AP) — A teen-ager hunted in the slayings of a state trooper held an elderly farm couple captive more than five hours before surrendering Sunday without resistance.

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Study Budget Problems

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — President Johnson wrestles with the big space and agriculture budgets today as he swings into a full schedule of official conferences at his Texas ranch.

Summoned to the President's help Sunday, 65 details of the new defense budget, expected to total nearly \$70 billion.

The total budget will likely run around \$135 billion.

The budget, however, is just one of two major documents Johnson is preparing for Congress. The other is his State of the Union message — a broad outline of his goals and plans for the country's future.

New Quarrel — UN Adjournment Delay?

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP) — A new quarrel over U.N. peacekeeping operations threatened today to delay adjournment of the General Assembly's 22nd session.

The Soviet Union and France warned Saturday night that a new crisis might result if the General Assembly adjourned without setting guidelines for peacekeeping operations. The two countries said the resolution was illegal.

A conciliation commission of 11 nonaligned countries sought to head off a showdown. One member said the commission wanted Canada to withdraw from the resolution. Another said it was trying to work out amendments acceptable to all.

The assembly postponed a vote on the resolution until today. It appeared that this would run the session into Tuesday, the scheduled closing day, and frustrate the hope of Assembly President Abdul Rahman Ferozi of Afghanistan that he could end it a day ahead of time.

The basic issue was the same as that which paralyzed the General Assembly two years ago: whether the assembly, with its majority rule, shares the constitutional authority of the Security Council, with its big-power veto, to arrange for peacekeeping operations. The United States and Britain say it does. The Soviet Union and France say it does not.

News In Brief

New Soviet Test

WASHINGTON (AP) — Seismic signals originating from the central Soviet Union equivalent to a nuclear blast in the low-intensity range have been recorded by the Atomic Energy Commission, indicating another Soviet underground nuclear test.

The seismology institution at Uppsala, Sweden, however, reported recording a disturbance larger than an Oct. 27 Soviet test blast — which the AEC said at that time was the largest underground test yet.

Honor Dr. Salk

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Dr. Jonas E. Salk was given the 1966 Harry S. Truman commemorative award Sunday night for his role in humanity through discovery of the Salk polio vaccine.

The award, given by the Bonds for Israel Committee, went previously to Gen. Lucius D. Clay and Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey.

Kennedy Home

HYANNIS PORT, Mass. (AP) — Former Ambassador Joseph P. Kennedy, 78, has returned to his Cape Cod home after a stay at New England Baptist Hospital.

He entered the hospital Dec. 8 after his leg was restored.

for removal of skin lesions from his chest by his physician, Dr. Russell L. Boles, and later was treated for a circulatory condition.

Lieut. Gov. Dies

LAUREL, Miss. (AP) — Carroll Garlin, lieutenant governor of Mississippi, died this morning after being admitted to a hospital with a heart ailment.

Garlin, 53, was taken to Jones County Community Hospital at 3 a.m. today.

A candidate in the 1967 governor's race, Garlin was serving his third term as lieutenant governor. He had held the office from 1952 to 1960 and from 1964 until his death.

Leg Sewed On

ST. LOUIS, Mo. (AP) — A youth's leg was sewed in a traffic accident Sunday night, and surgeons sewed it back on.

Edward Cissell, 17, lost his left leg below the knee. He was in a car that crashed into a pole in North St. Louis, police said.

The car driver, Theodore Adams, 17, suffered multiple head and body injuries and was in critical condition.

A spokesman at Homer G. Phillips Hospital said Cissell was in satisfactory condition.

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2 Americans Plead Guilty

LENNINGRAD, U.S.S.R. (AP) — Two young Americans pleaded guilty at the start of their trial in a Leningrad court today to violating Soviet currency regulations.

Buel Ray Wortham of North Little Rock, Ark., also pleaded guilty to stealing an antique statue of a bear from a Leningrad hotel.

The currency charge against Wortham and Craddock G. Gilmore Jr. of Salt Lake City, Utah, carries a possible prison sentence of three to eight years.

The maximum sentence on the three charges is three years.

Wortham, 21, and Gilmore, 24, were arrested Oct. 1 as they were driving to Finland. Gilmore was released Dec. 1 on bail worth \$11,000 but bail was denied Worth.

The trial is expected to last three days.

The indictment charged that Wortham illegally exchanged \$35 and 35 Finnish marks for 75 rubles while Gilmore had taken change \$30 for him for 45 rubles. In effect this meant that the two paid about \$75 for rubles worth \$102 at the official rate.

The indictment also accused Wortham of taking a statue of a bear from his hotel and trying to remove it from the country in his