

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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JACK RUBY was advised he did not have to make a statement; that he had a right to talk with a lawyer before making any statement, and that any statement he made could be used against him in a court of law.

RUBY stated he was born March 25, 1911, at Chicago, Illinois, and attended the second year of high school but did not complete that year of school. He presently resides at Apt. 207, 223 South Ewing, Dallas, Texas. He operates the Carousel Club at 1312 $\frac{1}{2}$ Commerce, and the Vegas Club, 3508 Oak Lawn in Dallas, Texas. His name at birth was JACK RUBENSTEIN but he had his name legally changed to JACK RUBY at Dallas, Texas, in 1948 or 1949. He has also used the name JACK LEON RUBY.

RUBY related that he was born on the West Side area of Chicago and grew up at unrecalled addresses on Maxwell and Holstead Streets in Chicago. As soon as he was large enough, he started working around rodeos and sporting events, selling refreshments. He also sold banners at conventions, and scalped tickets for various sporting events. Sometime in about 1933 or 1934, he went to California where he sold tip sheets at the race tracks on the West Coast. He lived in San Francisco most of the time and also sold subscriptions to the Hearst newspapers. For a short time in 1936 he went into business with SAM GORDON who is now a restaurant owner in Sacramento, California. He and GORDON bought small turtles, painted their backs, and sold them at the fair in Pomona, California. In about 1937, he returned to Chicago, Illinois, and contacted a friend, LEON COOK, an attorney, who had organized a Scrap Iron and Junk Handlers Union, A. F. of L. RUBY became Secretary and Treasurer of this Local at Chicago in 1937 and worked at this job until either the last month of 1939 or January, 1940, when LEON COOK was killed during an argument at a union meeting. As he was an official of the union, he was held in jail overnight for questioning but was never charged with any crime in connection with the shooting of LEON COOK. A man named JIM MARTIN was the person who shot LEON COOK and MARTIN was convicted of this shooting. After the death of LEON COOK, RUBY quit his job with the Scrap Iron and Junk Handlers Union. Since he had no middle name, he has frequently since the death of his friend LEON COOK, used the name LEON as his middle name. Early in 1940, he traveled throughout the Northeastern part of the United States, particularly in Connecticut, New York, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire, placing punchboards at manufacturing plants throughout that area. The punchboards gave prizes of candy, with the big prize

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