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NIGHT CLUB MAN MINGLED WITH PRESS TO SEE OSWALD

Reporters and photographers crowded into police headquarters Friday night for an interview with Lee Harvey Oswald, the 24-year-old Communist sympathizer accused of murdering President Kennedy.

A Dallas night club owner mingled with them.

After officers escorted Oswald away, the night club owner stepped forward and extended a hand toward Dist. Atty. Henry Wade.

"I'm Jack Ruby," he said.

Wade recalled the incident Sunday as he ordered murder charges filed against the man he had met.

Ruby had mingled with reporters and photographers again Sunday—and fired the bullet which brought death to Oswald.

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Mrs. Connally Says Husband Past Peril

By WICK FOWLER

In her first public statement since Friday's tragedy, Mrs. John Connally said Sunday at Parkland Hospital that Gov. John Connally was apparently out of danger and "in good spirits."

Facing bright lights and flashing bulbs of news cameras, the Texas governor's pretty wife bravely held back tears as she spoke into microphones and to newspapermen.

"I especially appreciate the friendship and warmth of the people of Dallas, both before and after the terrible tragedy."

She said, "Governor Connally has asked me to convey to the people of Texas, the nation and the world our deep sorrow of the sickening tragedy which struck at one of President Kennedy's most triumphant hours.

"WORDS CANNOT fully express to Mrs. Kennedy and to the President's family our feelings, which we know all Texans share."

Only minutes after Mrs. Connally left the hospital press room, visibly shaken by the emotional events since Friday, word was flashed to newspapermen that Lee Harvey Oswald, charged with the murders of President Kennedy and a Dallas police officer, J. D. Tippit, had been shot by an assailant and was being rushed to the hospital's first-floor emergency entrance.

Oswald died on the operating table of a single pistol shot.

Mrs. Connally has asked that friends "who have sent so many beautiful flowers to the hospital" contribute instead to a fund for the family of officer Tippit.

"OUR GRIEF is all the greater because of his sacrifice."

The Dallas policemen was shot to death shortly after the assassination of President Kennedy and the wounding of Gov. Connally. Both Mrs. Connally and Mrs. Kennedy, riding in the motorcade presidential car with their husbands, narrowly missed being victims of the assassin's bullets.

After reading the prepared statement, Mrs. Connally gripped the oak desk at which she sat, looked up and said:

"I have one other thing to say, if I can. We had been with the President and Mrs. Kennedy during the tour."

"It had just been a wonderful tour and when we arrived in Dallas, and were in the motorcade, the people couldn't have been friendlier, the crowd more wonderful or more generous in their reaction to the President. I had such a good feeling about the way they had received him in this city.

"I HAD JUST turned to him and said, "You can't say Dallas doesn't love you, Mr. President. And that was it."

The deadly shots rang out.

Mrs. Connally, tears welling in her eyes, quickly rose from her chair and walked swiftly to the nearby door. Gov. Connally's brother, Judge Merrill Connally of Floresville, put an arm around her shoulders and led her back to the hospital's second floor where her husband is recovering from his wound.

The complete text of Mrs. Connally's statement follows:

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European Radio Stations Carried Death of Oswald

LONDON (AP)—European radio and television networks broke into their programs Sunday to announce the slaying of the accused assassin of President Kennedy.

A comment by a French television announcer summed up much of the reaction in Western Europe to the second Dallas killing in 48 hours: "There will always be a doubt in the world whether he (Lee Harvey Oswald) was innocent or guilty."

Communist agencies stepped in promptly with their versions. ADN, the East German agency, said Os-

wald, the accused killer of the president, was shot to cover up an anti-Communist plot. The agency said "political observers" believed Oswald was shot at the behest of "the same extreme right-wing circles who ordered the murder of President John F. Kennedy."

Tass, the Soviet news agency flashed news of the shooting of Oswald and later that of his death. It said:

"The man who shot Lee Harvey Oswald has been identified. His name is Jack Ruby and he works at a second class night club."

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WANTED ACCEPTANCE**Ruby Admired JFK,
Strove for 'Class'**

(By the nature of his work as Night Club Editor of the Dallas News, Tony Zoppi was in frequent contact with Jack Ruby, the night club operator who killed Lee Harvey Oswald. Here are Zoppi's impressions of Ruby.)

By TONY ZOPPI

Jack Ruby, who slew Lee Harvey Oswald, is a highly emotional man given to flashy dress and a desperate yearning for social acceptance.

One of his favorite words is "class." He is far removed from national politics, but he admired someone like Mr. Kennedy, who represented everything which Jack Ruby had hoped to be.

A gruff-speaking, gregarious person with limited education, Ruby has been searching continuously for all the things that represented "class."

"I've suffered enough and skimped enough all my life," he said recently. "I want to live a little." And he told of plans to move into a luxury apartment.

GEORGE SENATOR, who worked at Ruby's night club, the Carousel, was also Ruby's roommate. Senator told me that Ruby had been in a state of shock since the President's assassination. He mourned particularly for the Kennedy children.

"He's been going around the apartment saying 'those poor kids.' It bothered him tremendously," Senator said.

After the President's death, Ruby quickly announced he was closing his club for three days.

A native of Chicago, Ill., Ruby has been associated with show business for many years.

While he operated a strip tease place, he always was trying to find ways to make his business "classy."

IN HIS OCCASIONAL visits to my desk, he would discuss an act and want to know if it would elevate his place in the eyes of the Dallas public. Ruby's dress often includes wide-brim hats and high collar shirts. He recently went on a diet which melted some 20 pounds off his 210-pound frame. He said he was beginning to look "classy." Even more recently, he started doing physical exercises to eliminate a paunch.

Ruby was known as the Chicago Cowboy when he first came to Dallas some 10 years ago. He hung around the old Plantation club on Industrial, dressed in an immaculate Western costume. He would often dash onstage, take over the "mike" and entertain the crowd with impromptu remarks.

RUBY IS a frustrated Ziegfeld. He is a stickler for "gimmicks." He has stopped his floor show to raffle off turkeys, record albums, razor blades, etc.

His audiences have been made up largely of conventioners, and police detectives dropped in almost nightly to check on his operation. It was this contact with the police, I think, which enabled him to hang around city hall during Lee Oswald's incarceration. Nobody took his appearance there seriously. Certainly, nobody thought this man would suddenly turn killer.

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Oswald Death Unbelievable?

WASHINGTON (UPI) — They were there to mourn . . . not to be vengeful.

Most people waiting for the procession taking the body of late President John F. Kennedy from the White House to the Capitol were aghast at news that his accused assassin had been shot.

"Outrageous," said Mrs. Samuel Leidman of Wheaton, Md. "We may never really know the truth now. I don't understand the sloppy protection given him."

Criticism of the security arrangements was general among the mourners.

"How stupid can the police in Dallas get?" asked a retired police officer who refused to give his name. "They knew there might be trouble, that's why they provided an armored guard. But why didn't they take him out secretly at 3 o'clock in the morning instead of giving the killer a timetable."

"If this is true," said Foster Terrell, Washington banker, "it is a very tragic thing. A tragedy on a tragedy."

Mrs. Gertrude Goodwin of Washington said she didn't think this could happen in America.

Mrs. Margaret Bryan, of Washington, hoped that "Oswald would recover so he could die at the hands of the law."

Claude Stratton, an Alexandria, Va., salesman, said, "It seems to me he should have had better protection. I would have liked to have seen him tried. I don't approve of violence."

Miss A. Vondale Patterson, Morgan State College, Baltimore, student, said she thought "it was terrible. He hadn't been tried yet. I think he should have a trial and be punished only if convicted."

"I think the man should have been tried," said Eugene A. Neal, a government electronics worker. "It's almost unbelievable that he was shot, and not better protected."

An anonymous gray-haired woman said, "I'd like him to suffer a bit; this way is too easy on him."

Mrs. Tom Mallette of Annandale, Va., said, "No one has the right to take the law in his own hands. May God have mercy on his soul."

And Paul Hoilman, Washington laboratory worker, said, "He might not be the one. We can't know without a trial. If he isn't the one, we'd be hurting."

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Wade to Seek Ruby Death

Dist. Atty. Henry Wade said Sunday he will seek the death penalty for a Dallas night club owner who shot the Communist sympathizer accused of murdering President Kennedy.

Wade ordered murder charges filed against Jack Rubenstein, who is better known as Jack Ruby.

"Nobody deplored the assassination of President Kennedy and the murder of Officer J. D. Tippit more than I," Wade said. "They were cold-blooded crimes. But this was also a cold-blooded murder—an assassination.

"HERE WE HAD Lee Harvey Oswald manacled and unable to protect himself and a killer shooting him down while he was defenseless. I think this kind of premeditated murder calls for the death penalty and I intend to ask it."

Wade had prepared a schedule for bringing Oswald to trial.

Now, with Oswald dead, Wade said he would substitute Rubenstein in the schedule.

"We will go before the grand jury Wednesday and request a murder indictment," Wade said. "Then we will set the case for trial in mid-January."

Prosecutors anticipated the night club owner would plead temporary insanity and contend he was so emotionally overwrought as a result of President Kennedy's assassination that he didn't know right from wrong when he shot Oswald.

IF A JURY decided Rubenstein was temporarily insane, he would go free. But it could send him to the electric chair or assess a prison term if it decided he knew the nature of his act and could distinguish right from wrong.

Wade and three of his top assistants—A. D. Jim Bowie, William F. Alexander and Frank Watts—are expected to prosecute Rubenstein.

Attorneys are likely to find it

difficult to select an impartial jury. Many Dallas County residents cheered the news that Oswald had been shot, while others deplored it and commented that nobody had the right to take the law into his own hands.

Wade was attending services in First Community Church when Oswald was shot.

The pastor, Dr. W. J. Martin, based his sermon on the assassination of President Kennedy here and said it showed the need for people everywhere to banish hatred from their hearts.

As Wade walked from the church, a friend stopped him.

"I just heard on the radio that Oswald has been shot," he told the district attorney.

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FEW SAY IT JUSTIFIED**Slaying of Oswald
Disgusts Majority**

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By the Associated Press
Much of the nation reacted with sharp criticism against the shooting Sunday of Lee Harvey Oswald, accused assassin of President Kennedy.

But there were some who felt the slaying was justified—a few even suggesting Oswald's assailant should be decorated for this act.

"I think it is ridiculous," said Barbara Smiet of Chicago. "Now maybe somebody will shoot the guy who shot Oswald. What are they gaining by it?"

An unidentified woman, who called the Albany (N.Y.) Times-Union moments after she witnessed the shooting of Oswald on television, said, "They ought to give whoever did it the Congressional Medal of Honor."

Police have identified Oswald's assailant as Jack Ruby, 30, a Dallas nightclub owner.

THE SLAYING was witnessed as it actually took place at Dallas city jail by countless thousands of television viewers across the nation.

At the Great Lakes Naval Training Center in Chicago, Seaman Darryl Henry, 18, of Salisbury, Md., said the man who shot Oswald "had no right to do."

"He (Oswald) had not been proven guilty," Henry said. "Even if Oswald were guilty the man had no right to take the life of another with his own hands."

But Chicago cab driver Carl Moore, 30, had other ideas. "Good," he said of the shooting. "It was justified."

An unidentified Pittsburgh, Pa., man, questioned on the street, said, "I don't see why anyone would do that. That didn't do any good at all."

Lawrence Markiewicz, 35, a building guard in Chicago, agreed. "I don't think he had the right," he said of Oswald's assailant. "I don't know what would have motivated somebody like him (Ruby)."

JUSTICE Augustine J. Bowe, of the Chicago municipal courts, termed the shooting "gangster fashion."

"This is a civilized country," he said. "The man has a right to a fair trial in this country."

Chicago Police Lt. Thomas Sullivan said the slaying of Oswald "served no useful purpose. It defeats the ends of justice."

Roswell Spencer, chief investigator for the Illinois state attorney general's office said it was "very unfortunate that something like this can take place right within the arms of law enforcement."

"This just compounds the tragedy," said the Rev. Philip M. Dripps, of Chicago. "The lesson in the death of the President was that hatred and violence must be purged from the hearts of men. This only confirms it."

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Square. "It was a very
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er, a woman who declin
name, said of Oswald, "I
he had lived to suffer."

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N.J. told a Times Squa
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wrong. It's wrong to shoot
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"I wanted him (Oswald)
live," said New Yorker
Perry, "so that we could
what other connections he

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Photographer Tells of Picture On Front Page

(Veteran Dallas News staff photographer Jack Beers watched the fatal shooting of accused assassin Lee Harvey Oswald through the view finder of his camera in the police basement of the City Hall. Beers' camera captured the sensational photograph shown on Page 1. The following is the photographer's eyewitness account.)

By JACK BEERS

There was a moment of silence, a shot and then bedlam as police swarmed over Jack Ruby—who shot down Lee Harvey Oswald—and immobilized the newsmen and photographers crowding around.

This happened Sunday in the basement of the Dallas Municipal Building where the press had gathered to cover the story of the removal of the accused Kennedy assassin, Oswald, from the city jail to the Dallas County jail.

The shot that killed Oswald rang out at 11:21 a.m. I had gone to the basement at 9 a.m. joining other photographers, television cameramen and newspaper reporters.

Police were moving all automobiles, except police cars, from the basement. They made a thorough search of each police automobile. Officers stationed at the entrance and exit to the basement ramp looked inside each police car as it was driven in, to make sure some assailant intending to harm Oswald was not hidden inside and holding a gun on the officer. Each car was searched in this way at least twice.

Sgt. James A. Putnam found a rifle in a car, took it upstairs but returned with it later, explaining that the gun belonged to an officer. Some 20 to 40 uniformed officers were in the security detail in the basement.

A TELEPHONE service man, running through the basement, did not stop immediately when police hailed him. He underwent considerable questioning before he was allowed to proceed to his job.

Then, officers measured the driveway outside the jail office door in the basement with a ruler. This was the first indication to us that some vehicle other than a squad car or paddy wagon would be used to transport Oswald the 15 blocks to the county jail. We learned later that an armored car was to be used.

But it was too tall to be parked adjacent to the jail office door. Instead, it was backed partly down the exit ramp on the Commerce Street side of the city hall.

Police inspected it after opening the rear doors through which Oswald would be loaded into the vehicle.

Although there was calm among the police and newsmen, a tenseness was apparent. Once a glass bottle rolled out the back door of the armored car and shattered on the pavement. It startled the spectators.

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Shortly before Oswald was to be brought down from his city police jail, representatives of the news media were asked to move into an area which would be on the left of the accused young man as he was brought out. This placed the members of the press in an "L" shaped line. The area through which he was to be taken is about 15 by 30 feet in size.

I found a perch on a pipe railing, alongside the television cameras, which were on a lower level and behind the railing. I had a clear view of the path Oswald would take. I held that perch, balancing myself against a post and holding my camera in readiness.

WE WERE alerted by movements at the jail office door that Oswald was being brought into the basement. He came out of the office door, walking close between two plainclothes officers, with each holding one of his arms above the elbow. The three looked straight ahead. I put my twin-lens reflex camera to my eye, looking through an open viewfinder. I followed Oswald and his guards in that way, waiting for a clear and closer view of him. Police officers were at stations all along the hallway route. Oswald and the guards were walking at a normal pace.

Just as he came into an area which gave me an unobstructed view from my higher position, I saw a rather sudden movement below me and to my right. My eye was glued to the viewfinder.

My impulsive first thought was that it was a cameraman moving out into a position which might obstruct my view. He was probably six feet away, to my right and below me.

The man ran across an area that was open along the railing where two television cameras were taking pictures through the railing.

Just in that fraction of a second, the second I had observed the man's movement, I pushed the shutter of my camera. I started to take a picture instant before that, but the fraction of the man's movements caused me to do a fraction of a second. In the same second a man's voice screamed, "You son of a bitch!"

I made the picture, with thought foremost in my mind to get my picture before my view was obstructed. I had no idea the man was going to Oswald.

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Ruby Tells Sister He's Treated Well

Mrs. Eva Grant, 54, sister of prayer, said her brother was a Dallas night club operator Jack deeply religious man.

Ruby, visited her brother Sunday evening in a jail cell at city hall and said: "He told me not to worry. The FBI and city police were treating him well."

Mrs. Grant said Ruby came home shortly after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy here Friday and placed a call to his brother in Detroit.

"He broke out crying during the conversation," she recalled.

"Our father died five years ago, but Jack took the president's death harder than his father's. He just kept talking about Mrs. Kennedy and the children. He said it was ironic that Mr. Kennedy could have been anything he wanted to be in life and had to die so young and so tragically."

Ruby, whose parents immigrated from Poland, spent Friday and Saturday at Sharith-Israel in

When my father died, Jack said Kaddish (a series of Hebrew prayers) for a full year after his death," she continued. "He got up at 6 o'clock every morning to go to the synagogue."

Mrs. Grant said she did not discuss the Oswald killing with her brother.

"Since he didn't bring up the subject, I didn't feel it was right to discuss it with him," she explained.

Ruby watched a playback of the Kennedy years on television Saturday and cried throughout the show.

He was among the first night club operators to close shop following the death of the president.

Mrs. Grant said all eight children in the Rubenstein family were still alive.

"Five of them made it through college," she said. "Jack went two years to high school in Chicago."

"We lived in a tough neighborhood and Jack always took good care of me," she said. "When I wanted to visit my girl friends a few blocks away, he would walk there with me to make sure none of the boys hanging out on the corner would make wise cracks. We're an old fashioned family and he has been a devoted brother to me."

She termed her brother a "soft touch." He often left home with money to pay bills, but gave it away to friends instead.

"He's that kind of a man," she cried. "How could such a long like this happen?"

—TODD JOPEL

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SISTER VISITS RUBY

Mrs. Eva Grant, sister of Jack Ruby, visits him in jail, where he was lodged following his slaying of Lee Oswald, accused slayer of President Kennedy.

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FBI Schedules Quiz Of Ruby's Sister

Federal Bureau of Investigation agents wanted to question Mrs. Eva Grant, 35-year-old sister of Jack Ruby, Sunday night, but after attorney Tom Howard objected, they agreed to an early morning conference.

At 8:39 p.m., Mrs. Grant, and a friend, Mrs. Pauline Hall, were in Howard's private office, across the street from City Hall.

Mrs. Grant and her friend had just left a 10-minute visit with Ruby and she had come to Howard to discuss her brother's plight.

At 8:40 p.m., a telephone rang and Mrs. Betty Howard, the attorney's wife, sped back from the reception room to her husband's well-guarded office. She whispered to him that the FBI wanted to talk with him.

The FBI man identified himself and said to Howard:

"I understand you are Mrs. Grant's and Mr. Ruby's attorney. We need to talk with her as soon as possible."

Howard replied: "She is in a terribly emotional state right now. Would it be possible for you to talk with her later?"

It was now 8:45. The voice on the other end of the line paused a moment and returned, "I can understand your concern and I suppose that you, as her lawyer,

... everything imaginable and is just not in any condition to see anybody.

"Now understand," Attorney Howard went on, "I'm not trying to hide a single thing from you. She's just not able to talk. There, she's shaking her head, no right

... has recently had a serious operation you know. . . and she's a woman 35 years old. . . She's just in a terrible state."

The FBI agent said, "I understand, but I wonder. . . would it be possible for you to get a list of hers and his brothers, sisters and relatives. We need to do some checking out."

Howard: "Maybe I can. . . if she knows, I'll try to get it."

The FBI: "When will I know . . . when will you try?"

Howard: "You can reach me here in about an hour."

FBI: "I'd like to have a definite time."

Howard: "I won't know exactly when I can get it."

FBI: "Now before I go, could we set a definite time to talk with Mrs. Grant in the morning?"

Howard: "I cannot. . . I do not know right now. We have this hearing set at 11 a.m., and we have a conference together with all the other attorneys at 9 a.m. I wonder if we could make it at 2 p.m.?"

The FBI agent didn't want to wait that long. He snapped:

"We would prefer to do it before the hearing. If we have to send out some leads and we didn't

... we can't

"Now, we've gone along with you on this so far because we thought you had in mind early in the morning. We need to talk with her much earlier than that, as early as possible."

Howard said, "Let's set it up tentatively for 10 a.m."

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"Where would you prefer to have this meeting," she called?
asked?

Howard: "I imagine she would prefer to have it at her apartment."

The FBI: "Fine, that's preferable to us too."

Howard: "I imagine we would want one or more of the other attorneys to meet with us also. There are several of us representing Mr. Ruby. Call us in the morning if you want. We'll be here after 9 a.m."

The FBI man said, "Thank you," and hung up.

—HUGH AYNESWORTH.

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ONE SULLEN, ONE EMOTIONAL**Contrasting Characters****Share Lead in****Tragedy**By KENT BIFFLE and
CARLOS CONDE

Sunday's tragedy was played by men of opposite characters.

Lee Harvey Oswald killed from a hiding place.

Jack Ruby stepped before the cameras of a nation to cut down Oswald.

Ruby was known as a loud-mouthed, good-natured heavy-weight with many friends.

Oswald was a sullen figure with a narrow circle of acquaintances.

Oswald dripped with political venom.

Ruby would rather talk about baseball.

BOTH RESORTED to violence. Oswald had long favored violent overthrow of capitalistic governments. He was pro-Russia and pro-Castro.

Ruby was known as a fighter. He was fast with his hands and worked out with the big bag at the YMCA. He developed skills he could use in ejecting tough guys from his nightspots.

But those who've seen Ruby in brawls say he only resorted to violence when greatly provoked.

Perhaps the murder of his President was provocation enough.

Ruby, who changed his name from Rubenstein during World War II, was distraught when President John F. Kennedy was murdered.

Ruby, manager of the Carousel, a downtown strip joint, phoned showman Breck Wall, who was in Galveston, Saturday night and spoke of his sadness.

HE COMPLAINED that few other nightspots were closing like the Carousel in observance of the President's death.

Ruby's sister, Mrs. Eva Grant of Dallas, wondered Sunday if she might have planted the seed in Ruby's grief-stricken mind.

"We talked about the President's death," she said. "I told Jack not to worry, somebody will shoot Oswald."

Ailing Mrs. Grant, speaking through a friendly reporter, indicated that she meant that some Communist would likely shoot Oswald to keep him from answering questions of law enforcers.

She said her brother hadn't eaten or slept since hearing of the President's slaying. "He hates anything done against the country," she said.

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WE WERE MORE affected by the President getting shot than when my father died. He was 60 and we knew he was going to die."

The brother and sister are from an Orthodox Jewish family. Mrs. Grant said, "I liked the President. He had so much charm. I had a crush on the guy."

In a telephone conversation with Homicide Capt. Will Fritz, Mrs. Grant said: "You know that no one else could have gotten in that building — but all the boys knew Jack."

She quoted Ruby as telling her Saturday that it didn't seem fair that the President could be shot down while no one could get at Joe Valachi, the mobster, to kill him.

One of the girls Ruby had been dating lately described him as a "very emotional man."

"HE WAS A MAN with the highest morals. Surprising, isn't it, considering the business he was in? He was also very devoted to his Jewish faith," said the girl, who asked to remain unidentified.

Ruby did not smoke or drink.

"He was on some type of morals kick," the girl said. "He was on a diet. He was always taking some kind of pills."

"Jack talked of trouble with one of his strip teasers and he really showed a temper when he talked about her," the girl said.

"Once he got so angry and upset that he began to shake his hand violently — sorta flopping it around," she said.

"ONCE HE ALSO got extremely upset when he forgot to say Kaddish (Jewish prayer for the dead) for his dead father," she said.

Neighbors at the apartment house where he lived at 223 South Ewing said he likes to brag about his trips to Las Vegas and Hollywood.

"He seems to be a very conceited man, but at the same time he was always a gentleman," said Mrs. Curtis L. Warner, the manager of the luxury apartments overlooking Thornton Expressway.

Her husband, the caretaker of the apartment units, said Ruby liked to brag also of his "many influential contacts in Dallas."

"HE SAID he knew most of the Dallas press guys and a lot of policemen," Warner said.

He likes to entertain some of the girls who worked for him at his nightclub, "The Carousel," a strip tease nitery.

Bud Dauer, who lived below Ruby's apartment, which he shared with a man identified as George Senator, said Ruby often threw parties, but "never those furniture-wrecking types."

Neighbors say that Ruby was "devoted" to his Dachshunds, Sheba and Clipper.

He gave a puppy from one of the litters to Candy Barr, another well-known Dallas stripper who worked a few doors away from Ruby's night club. She was recently released from prison after serving a term for possession of marijuana.

MRS. WARNER SAID he likes to flash a big wad of bills around. Ruby rented a 2-bedroom apartment for \$125 a month.

"He always paid me in cash — a \$100 bill, a \$20 and a \$5," Mrs. Warner said. "He was pretty consistent about it."

Dallas detectives found two large wads of bills and silver when they searched his apartment Sunday afternoon. One was in a closet and the other was found in a chest drawer. The amount was not disclosed.

Ruby had risen early Sunday morning to do some washing in the apartment laundry room.

Ruby lived according to routine, neighbors said. He swam around noon and during the summer swam alone in the swimming pool. He would then climb on top of the apartment unit roofs to sunbathe. Around 1 p.m., he would leave in his 1960 automobile for the club.

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Night Club Man

Takes Role of

An

Executioner

By JAMES EWELL

and HUGH AYNESWORTH

A Dallas night club owner, who featured strip teasers in his shows, appointed himself an executioner Sunday and fired a lethal shot into the 24-year-old Communist sympathizer accused of murdering President Kennedy here.

Millions of TV viewers saw Lee Harvey Oswald slump to the floor as officers led him through the City Hall basement toward an armored car. It was to have carried him to the county jail.

Oswald died in Parkland Hospital at 1:07 p.m. although a 12-man surgical team massaged his heart in a desperate—but futile—attempt to save his life.

HIS SLAYING was believed the first in history witnessed by a nation-wide TV audience.

Dist. Atty. Henry Wade filed murder charges against Jack Leon Rubenstein, who used the name Jack Ruby. He owned the Carousel Club at 1212½ Commerce, which featured strippers.

The shooting of Oswald brought these developments:

Irving police increased their guard at the home of Oswald's family here and arrested a group of teen-agers with a rifle, but released them when they said they planned to use the weapon on a hunting trip.

—Mayor Earle Cabell's life was threatened and an airliner, which was to have taken him to Washington for President Kennedy's funeral, left without him. A spokesman said the mayor would fly to Washington later.

—MAYOR CABELL expressed admiration "for Chief Curry and his department" and urged Dallas residents to "resist hysteria". He said they should not seek a scapegoat.

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OFFICERS recalled that Rubenstein kept a .38-caliber pistol in his club. They described him as a balding, 33-year-old bachelor who liked to wear flashy clothes and date strippers.

Shouting "You son of a bitch," Rubenstein sprang forward and fired a single shot into Oswald's side at 11:21 a.m.

Hugh Aynesworth, a Dallas News reporter who witnessed the shooting, said, "He stuck his gun into Oswald's ribs and fired."

DETECTIVE B. H. Combest, who was standing about two feet behind Oswald, gave this account:

"I saw Ruby take about five or six steps toward Oswald. I knew Ruby and knew he wasn't supposed to be there.

"I shouted, 'Jack, you son of a bitch, what are you doing?' About that time I heard the shot. Oswald fell and pulled Leavelle (Homicide Detective J. R. Leavelle who was handcuffed to him) down with him. I looked at Oswald and there was a large hole in his black sweater.

"When I saw Ruby run out toward Oswald, there was nothing I could do but shout at him. I just couldn't have gotten to him."

DETECTIVES SAID there was no chance for a death-bed confession from Oswald, who had denied repeatedly that he shot President Kennedy and a Dallas police officer to death and wounded Gov. John Connally. Homicide Captain Will Fritz, who was standing behind Oswald, said, "He never uttered a word. His eyes were rolling and he was moaning, but he couldn't speak."

Detectives snatched Rubenstein as soon as he pulled the trigger. But, for "10 seconds which seemed like an eternity," he waved his pistol in an arc while officers tried to wrest it from him.

RUBENSTEIN'S roommate, George Senator, described the night club owner as a highly emotional man who "took the death of President Kennedy real hard."

"He's been going around the apartment saying 'Those poor kids . . . Those poor kids,'" Senator related. "It bothered him tremendously."

As a result of Oswald's almost unbelievable death, there will never be a trial to prove he murdered President Kennedy. But detectives said their evidence left no doubt in their minds and Captain Fritz told reporters, "We now consider the case closed."

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One man carried a baby's bottle filled with milk. Another tried to focus a small box camera while running.

Oswald may have seen the gun. He appeared to jerk back a split second before the shot, which sounded like a small firecracker exploding.

His face became ashen as he fell. His eyes were rolling and he was moaning.

AN AMBULANCE arrived within four minutes and, after the armored car was moved from its path, Oswald was rushed to Parkland Hospital. A doctor, who had given him emergency treatment at City Hall, rode with him.

Writhing in pain, Oswald was wheeled into "Trauma Room No. 2" across the hall from the room where surgeons had pronounced President Kennedy dead Friday.

Oswald, a Castro admirer who had lived in Russia, would soon die in disgrace in the same hospital. As Oswald lay mortally wounded while doctors worked over him, a funeral cortege was bearing President Kennedy's body from the White House to the Capitol.

Oswald's body was moved late Sunday night from Parkland Hospital to a Fort Worth funeral home.

Police took precautions against any incident. Six armed policemen surrounded the cart and attendants as it was moved to the green ambulance.

Funeral plans were incomplete.

One reporter said he heard the slayer add, "I did it for Jackie so she wouldn't have to go through all that . . . coming back here for the trial and everything."

But in Evansville, Ind., enter-
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sociated Press he is positive
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stein's night club nine days ago.
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said Oswald was among those
who called out an object for
him to remember.

Detectives said Rubenstein
may have carried photographic
equipment and posed as a
cameraman to gain admittance
to the basement Sunday.

Officers checked Rubenstein's
background.

They said he had come here
from Chicago about 10 years ago
and had confided in friends that
he "had some trouble with rack-
steers" in the Illinois city.

His decision to become an
executioner left the world with
a mystery that may never be
completely solved: If Lee Har-
vey Oswald did kill President
Kennedy with a mail-order rifle
—and officers say they are con-
vinced he did—what was his
motive for the crime that
shocked the world and set in
sequence an almost unbelievable
chain of events?

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QUICK TO FIGHT**Chicago Recalls 'Ruby'**By **LARRY GROVE**

Back in the west side Chicago neighborhood around Roosevelt Drive and Peoria, they remember Jack Rubenstein as "Sparky."

In the Jewish ghetto neighborhood where Rubenstein was born 32 years ago, people know him as a man who was quick to fight; he won a reputation as a toe-to-toe street fighter.

He wouldn't take anything off anybody.

There was a flood of minor police infractions — nothing really serious — against him. He crashed gates and was caught scalping tickets. And he made his living with small time gambling and as the owner of a small night club. He wanted very much to make the big-time.

A DAPPER DRESSER despite his wavering fortunes, he had a stock of gimmicks for hauling in the fast buck. One such gimmick was to approach a "chorus girl" type sitting with a rich friend in a nightclub. Rubenstein would dart quickly to the girl's side, slip a sparkling ring on her finger and stand back to admire it.

The "sugar daddy" would almost always buy it.

No one took him real seriously. He was happy-go-lucky, but volatile when he was angry.

He never liked to see a guy without a buck.

And he certainly didn't want to be the guy without a buck.

He ain't a bad guy, understand. He's a good guy.

That's the way some of his former associates remember Jack Rubenstein.

DURING THE twenties, back in Chicago, he tried to crash the

gate for the Dempsey-Tunney fight and they caught him.

The dark-haired fellow everybody calls "Ruby" wanted in there, that's all. He never would allow himself to get flabby. And sometimes he'd even work out with barbells at the YMCA.

Fifteen years ago he came to Dallas to tend bar for his sister. One thing about Ruby: he never needed a houncer.

And he branched off into business for himself, with a swinging little place called the Silver Slipper.

He wanted to be a handyman with the ladies, too. But his attentions weren't always appreciated.

"He was a loner and a bully," said Geneva Foster. "I never saw him in a clean shirt and his necktie would be undone. He was arrogant and a mean little man. He just blew up at the least little thing. . ."

MRS. FOSTER — now working at an aerospace firm in San Diego, Calif., — demonstrated ballroom dancing with a partner in Ruby's Silver Spur Club in Dallas nine years ago.

"He wasn't much better than the man he shot," Mrs. Foster said.

Even so, Ruby had a way about him. He was breezy and his talk was rapid, with a little trace of a stutter.

He was a character in a business of characters.

He branched out his nightclub operations and centered his activities on the Carousel Club, a strip-tease house across Commerce from the Adolphus Hotel. And he had Club Vegas on the outskirts.

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~~He boasted, or was it boasting,~~
that he came from "tough stock."
He never let an insult against
Franklin Delano Roosevelt go un-
contested.

He frequently carried a weapon
—"for protection."

A FORMER western regional
director of the American Guild of
Variety Artists, Irving Mazzei,
said in Los Angeles that he used
to own several lounges in Dallas
in partnership with Rubenstein.

"I used to have trouble with
him," said Mazzei.

But Ruby called him just re-
cently to complain of a competi-
tor's operations. "He said he was
going to get rid of some of them.

"He's excitable and impetuous.

"I told him to put on better acts
and beat his competitors that
way."

Perhaps more than most, Rub-
enstein felt the death of President
Kennedy. When the assassin's bul-
let killed the President, the squat
and impetuous nightclub owner
took it hard.

"Don't worry," his sister, Mrs.
Eva L. Grant, told him. "Some-
one will shoot Oswald."

AND, MRS. GRANT said, that
may have put an idea into her
brother's head.

But Rubenstein said at the
time, "Look at the logic of this.
Oswald got to the President, but
no one can get to Oswald."

J. L. Campbell, who owns a
service station across the street
from the Vegas nightclub, said
Ruby "is emotional to the extent
that he would want to be involved
in whatever transpired."

"It's a shame," Rubenstein
said. "That guy who shot Ken-
nedy ought to have thought about
Jackie and the kids . . .

"That poor family."

That's what Ruby told his room-
mate, George Senator, on the
sunny morning of Nov. 24, 1963,
when he left the room where they
lived together in Oak Cliff.

He took his dog, Sheba, for a
walk. He took his pistol with him.
There wasn't anything particular-
ly unusual about that.

AND WHEN he appeared at the
Dallas police station, there was
so much activity about that few
people even noticed Jack Ruben-
stein. When reporters nodded to
him, he nodded back. He knew
many of the reporters who were
anxious to train their cameras on
Lee Harvey Oswald, the young
man who shot the President.

Oswald would be under heavy
guard when he appeared. He would
be taken through a corridor, from
the Dallas City Jail, to an arm-
ored car that was waiting half in
and half out of the entrance on
Commerce Street to remove him
to the Dallas County jail.

An officer called to him, "Hey,
Jack, what are you doing down
here?"

The officer knew him. After all,
the man they knew familiarly as
Ruby had been arrested for as-
sault and carrying weapons.

But Ruby replied airily: "Ah,
I brought the sandwiches."

IT WORKED.

"What are you doing here,
Ruby?" another detective asked
him.

"I'm interpretin' for the Jew-
ish press," the squat man said
with a chuckle.

Outside, motorists on the streets
were moving slowly, craning their
heads at the building, following
reports on the radio that Lee Har-
vey Oswald soon would appear in
a jail corridor.

And, inside, there was confu-
sion.

Jack Ruby was unnoticed
among the throng of newsmen—
the only persons aside from the
police guards who would sur-
round Oswald and take him safe-
ly to the County Jail to await
a trial that, everyone hoped,
would see justice done.

After all, didn't he kill the Pres-
ident of the United States?

AND NOW JACK Ruby saw Os-
wald, walking between two plain-
clothes officers. His hand went
for his nickel plated pistol; he
lurched toward Oswald. He
squeezed the trigger. Oswald be-
lowed and slumped to the floor
a bullet in his abdomen.

~~Officers grabbed Ruby. An am-~~
bulance screamed, and arrived,
and Oswald was hurried away
to Parkland Hospital and he died
there, after the doctors poured 14
pints of blood into him to save
his life.

The United States of America
was robbed of its chance to learn
more about the assassination of
the President. Justice got a sock
in the solar plexus.

But Jack Ruby had his revenge.

"I MAY HAVE inadvertently
planted the seed in his mind,"
said his sister, Mrs. Grant. "We
are Orthodox Jews and do not
believe in violence. I honestly be-
lieved he was so affected by this
(the President's death) that he
went out of his mind."

"I'll charge Ruby with mur-
der," said Dist. Atty. Henry
Wade.

The district attorney certainly
had seen Rubenstein: Just Satur-
day evening, he had crashed a
news conference when Police
Chief Jesse Curry revealed more
of the details of the case against
Oswald and called it "airtight."

"I know all the policemen,"
Ruby had told the district attor-
ney. "And the reporters. I know
them, too," he said, breezily. "I
just came to listen in."

That isn't, of course, what Jack
Rubenstein came for. He came
to kill Lee Harvey Oswald.

No one knows exactly why he
did it. But Jack Rubenstein, who
always was a street fighter and
wouldn't take anything off any-
body, gave reporters an answer
when they asked him.

He said: "I did it for Jackie."



—Associated Press Photo.

ACCUSED HEADED FOR QUESTIONING

Jack Rubenstein, charged with the slaying of accused presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald, heads for

police homicide office and questioning. Serving as security for Rubenstein is Reserve Sgt. R. K. Hanna.

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—NBC-TV Photo via AP Wirephoto.

ANGUISHED VICTIM

Lee Harvey Oswald, accused assassin of President Kennedy, shows a look of anguish after he was shot fatally in a police department corridor. Jack Ruby, Dallas nightclub operator, fired on Oswald at close range as police were moving Oswald under heavy guard to the County Jail to await trial.

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MAGICIAN SAYS OSWALD WAS PATRON IN RUBY NIGHT CLUB

EVANSVILLE, Ind. (AP)—Entertainer Bill Demar of Evansville, Ind., told the Associated Press by telephone Sunday he was positive Lee Harvey Oswald was a patron about nine days ago in the Dallas night club of Jack Ruby.

Ruby was seized immediately after the fatal wounding of Oswald, who was accused of assassinating President Kennedy.

Demar, Bill Crowe in private life, had completed two weeks of a 5-week engagement at Ruby's Carousel Club when it was closed indefinitely Friday.

"I have a memory act," the magician-ventriloquist said, "in which I have 20 customers call out various objects in rapid order. Then I tell them at random what they called out. I am positive Oswald was one of the men that called out an object about nine days ago."

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'FRUSTRATED ZIEGFELD'**Club Owner Sought 'Class'**

(By the nature of his work as Night Club Editor of the Dallas News, Tony Zoppi was in frequent contact with Jack Ruby, the night club operator who killed Lee Harvey Oswald. Here are Zoppi's impressions of Ruby.)

By TONY ZOPPI

Jack Ruby, who slew Lee Harvey Oswald, is a highly emotional man given to flashy dress and a desperate yearning for social acceptance.

One of his favorite words is "class." He is far removed from national politics, but he admired someone like Mr. Kennedy, who represented everything which Jack Ruby had hoped to be.

A gruff-speaking, gregarious person with limited education, Ruby has been searching continuously for all the things that represented "class."

"I've suffered enough and skimped enough all my life," he said recently. "I want to live a little." And he told of plans to move into a luxury apartment.

GEORGE SENATOR, who worked at Ruby's night club, the Carousel, was also Ruby's roommate. Senator told me that Ruby had been in a state of shock since the President's assassination. He mourned particularly for the Kennedy children.

"He's been going around the apartment saying 'those poor kids.' It bothered him tremendously," Senator said.

After the President's death, Ruby quickly announced he was closing his club for three days.

A native of Chicago, Ill., Ruby has been associated with "show business" for many years.

While he operated a strip tease place, he always was trying to find ways to make his business "classy."

IN HIS OCCASIONAL visits to my desk, he would discuss an act and want to know if it would elevate his place in the eyes of the Dallas public. Ruby's dress often includes wide-brim hats and high collar shirts. He recently went on a diet which melted some 20 pounds off his 210-pound frame. He said he was beginning to look "classy." Even more recently, he started doing physical exercises to eliminate a paunch.

Ruby was known as the Chicago Cowboy when he first came to Dallas some 10 years ago. He hung around the old Plantation club on Industrial, dressed in an immaculate Western costume. He would often dash onstage, take over the "mike" and entertain the crowd with impromptu remarks.

RUBY IS a frustrated Ziegfeld. He is a stickler for "gimmicks." He has stopped his floor show to raffle off turkeys, record albums, razor blades, etc.

His audiences have been made up largely of conventioners, and police detectives dropped in almost nightly to check on his operation. It was this contact with the police, I think, which enabled him to hang around city hall during Lee Oswald's incarceration. Nobody took his appearance there seriously. Certainly, nobody thought this man would suddenly turn killer.

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Wade to Seek Ruby Death

Dist. Atty. Henry Wade said Sunday he will seek the death penalty for a Dallas night club owner who shot the Communist sympathizer accused of murdering President Kennedy.

Wade ordered murder charges filed against Jack Rubenstein, who is better known as Jack Ruby.

"Nobody deplored the assassination of President Kennedy and the murder of Officer J. D. Tippit more than I," Wade said. "They were cold-blooded crimes. But this was also a cold-blooded murder—an assassination.

"HERE WE HAD Lee Harvey Oswald manacled and unable to protect himself and a killer shooting him down while he was defenseless. I think this kind of premeditated murder calls for the death penalty and I intend to ask it."

Wade had prepared a schedule for bringing Oswald to trial.

Now, with Oswald dead, Wade said he would substitute Rubenstein in the schedule.

"We will go before the grand jury Wednesday and request a murder indictment," Wade said. "Then we will set the case for trial in mid-January."

Prosecutors anticipated the night club owner would plead temporary insanity and contend he was so "emotionally overwrought as a result of President Kennedy's assassination that he didn't know right from wrong when he shot Oswald."

IF A JURY decided Rubenstein was temporarily insane, he would go free. But it could send him to the electric chair or assess a prison term if it decided he knew the nature of his act and could distinguish right from wrong.

Wade and three of his top assistants—A. D. Jim Bowie, William F. Alexander and Frank Watts—are expected to prosecute Rubenstein.

Attorneys are likely to find it difficult to select an impartial jury. Many Dallas County residents cheered the news that Oswald had been shot, while others deplored it and commented that nobody had the right to take the law into his own hands.

Wade was attending services in First Community Church when Oswald was shot.

The pastor, Dr. W. J. Martin, based his sermon on the assassination of President Kennedy here and said it showed the need for people everywhere to banish hatred from their hearts.

As Wade walked from the church, a friend stopped him.

"I just heard on the radio that Oswald has been shot," he told the district attorney.

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European Radio Stations Carried Death of Oswald

LONDON (AP)—European radio and television networks broke into their programs Sunday to announce the slaying of the accused assassin of President Kennedy. president, was shot to cover up an anti-Communist plot. The agency said "political observers" believed Oswald was shot at the behest of "the same extreme right-wing circles who ordered the murder of President John F. Kennedy."

A comment by a French television announcer summed up much of the reaction in Western Europe to the second Dallas killing in 48 hours: "There will always be a doubt in the world whether he (Lee Harvey Oswald) was innocent or guilty."

Communist agencies stepped in promptly with their versions. ADN, the East German agency, said Oswald, the accused killer of the

Tass, the Soviet news agency flashed news of the shooting of Oswald and later that of his death. It said:

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Wade said he would ask Judge Brown to refuse bond. The judge could do so under Texas law if he believes a jury would assess the death penalty.

Police Chief Jesse Curry appeared stunned by the slaying of Oswald, who was in his custody.

FEARING THAT vengeance-seeking groups would try to harm Oswald, Curry had made elaborate plans for the transfer to the county jail.

He had arranged for a heavy guard to escort Oswald from the jail through the basement to an armored car. Police had roped off Houston Street near the county jail as a precaution against violence there.

Chief Curry noted he could have moved Oswald secretly "in the dark of night," but had promised reporters and photographers from throughout the free world that he would make the transfer during the day.

SHERIFF BILL DECKER said officers "did everything humanly possible" to protect both President Kennedy and the man accused of assassinating him.

"I don't think it would make a bit of difference if Oswald had been transferred at night," Decker said. "If someone is determined to commit murder, it's almost impossible to stop him."

Officers said Rubenstein apparently mingled with reporters and photographers and, in this way, got a chance to shoot Oswald. Wade recalled he saw Rubenstein with reporters Friday night when they interviewed Oswald briefly.

RUBENSTEIN, WHO introduced himself to Wade, may have been plotting the slaying at that time.

The City Hall basement became a scene of wild confusion after the shooting. Newspaper and television cameramen, their lenses trained on Oswald, flinched instinctively when they heard the shot. Curious spectators rushed toward the scene.

—Twenty highway patrolmen from the Tyler district were ordered to Dallas on temporary assignment to guard Gov. Connally at Parkland Hospital. There were reports that patrolmen from other districts would also come here.

Wade called the death of Oswald a cold-blooded assassination, and said he would ask a jury in mid-January to send Rubenstein to the electric chair.

OFFICERS recalled that Rubenstein kept a .38-caliber pistol in his club. They described him as a balding, 32-year-old bachelor who liked to wear flashy clothes and date strippers.

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A Dallas night club owner, who featured strip teasers in his shows, appointed himself an executioner Sunday and fired a lethal shot into the 24-year-old Communist sympathizer accused of murdering President Kennedy here.

Millions of TV viewers saw Lee Harvey Oswald slump to the floor as officers led him through the City Hall basement toward an armored car. It was to have carried him to the county jail.

Oswald died in Parkland Hospital at 1:07 p.m. although a 12-man surgical team massaged his heart in a desperate—but futile—attempt to save his life.

HIS SLAYING was believed the first in history witnessed by a nation-wide TV audience.

Dist. Atty. Henry Wade filed murder charges against Jack Leon Rubinstein, who used the name Jack Ruby. He owned the Carousel Club at 1312½ Commerce, which featured strippers.

The shooting of Oswald brought these developments:

Irving police increased their guard at the home of Oswald's family here and arrested a group of teen-agers with a rifle, but released them when they said they planned to use the weapon on a hunting trip.

—Mayor Earle Cabell's life was threatened and an airliner, which was to have taken him to Washington for President Kennedy's funeral, left without him. A spokesman said the mayor would fly to Washington later.

—Mayor Cabell expressed admiration "for Chief Curry and his department" and urged Dallas residents to "resist hysteria". He said they should not seek a scapegoat.

Homicide Captain Will Fritz, who was standing behind Oswald, said, "He never uttered a word. His eyes were rolling and he was moaning, but he couldn't speak."

Detectives subdued Rubenstein as soon as he pulled the trigger. But, for "10 seconds which seemed like an eternity," he waved his pistol in an arc while officers tried to wrest it from him.

RUBENSTEIN'S roommate, George Senator, described the night club owner as a highly emotional man who "took the death of President Kennedy real hard."

"He's been going around the apartment saying 'Those poor kids... Those poor kids,'" Senator related. "It bothered him tremendously."

As a result of Oswald's almost unbelievable death, there will be a trial to prove he murdered President Kennedy. But detectives said their evidence left no doubt in their minds and Captain Fritz told reporters, "We now consider that case closed."

The Justice Department announced in Washington that Assistant Atty. Gen. Jack Miller Jr., who heads its criminal division, was flying to Dallas to confer with U.S. Dist. Atty. Barfoot Sanders.

A SPOKESMAN refused to say whether the federal government considered the assassination case closed or whether there was a possibility others were involved.

Justice of the Peace Pierce McBride ordered Rubenstein held without bond after Assistant Dist. Atty. William F. Alexander filed a murder charge against him.

Judge Joe B. Brown of Criminal District Court No. 2 sched-

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Officials Rapped In Oswald Death

LOS ANGELES, Calif. (UPI) —Former California Gov. Goodwin Knight Sunday was critical of the Dallas police force in connection with the shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald. Knight said the accused presidential assassin was "still entitled to a fair trial and protection."

"One of the great fundamentals of American justice which John Kennedy many times praised and worked for was violated during the last two days in Dallas," Knight told United Press International.

He said the shooting was "most regrettable."

"Apparently the evidence against Oswald was overwhelming, but under our great system of American justice he was still entitled to a fair trial and he was still entitled to protection."

Knight accused the Dallas district attorney, chief of police and other officials of "trying

Oswald via television and newspapers when they should have been directing their attention toward gathering the evidence and making sure that the accused would face a trial."

"This is a crime of the century," said Knight, "yet because of the carelessness of these officials in Dallas the American people will now forever be denied the whole truth of the assassination."

He said people in the United States should not forget that "we have condemned violence and fake trials in Russia, but because of either carelessness or the eagerness of these officials in Dallas to get before television cameras they have made serious blunders in administration of justice."

Knight said the purpose of his statements was not to criticize individuals but offer a "hope that this double tragedy will never be repeated."

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Oswald Death Unbelievable?

WASHINGTON (UPI) — They were there to mourn . . . not to be vengeful.

Most people waiting for the procession taking the body of late President John F. Kennedy from the White House to the Capitol were aghast at news that his accused assassin had been shot.

"Outrageous," said Mrs. Samuel Leidman of Wheaton, Md. "We may never really know the truth now. I don't understand the sloppy protection given him."

Criticism of the security arrangements was general among the mourners.

"How stupid can the police in Dallas get?" asked a retired police officer who refused to give his name. "They knew there might be trouble, that's why they provided an armored guard. But why didn't they take him out secretly at 3 o'clock in the morning instead of giving the killer a timetable."

"If this is true," said Foster Terrell, Washington banker, "it is a very tragic thing. A tragedy on a tragedy."

Mrs. Gertrude Goodwin of Washington said she didn't think this could happen in America.

Mrs. Margaret Bryan, of

Washington, hoped that "Oswald would recover so he could die at the hands of the law."

Claude Stratton, an Alexandria, Va., salesman, said, "It seems to me he should have had better protection. I would have liked to have seen him tried. I don't approve of violence."

Miss A. Vondale Patterson, Morgan State College, Baltimore, student, said she thought "it was terrible. He hadn't been tried yet. I think he should have a trial and be punished only if convicted."

"I think the man should have been tried," said Eugene A. Neal, a government electronics worker. "It's almost unbelievable that he was shot, and not better protected."

An anonymous gray-haired woman said, "I'd like him to suffer a bit; this way is too easy on him."

Mrs. Tom Mallette of Annandale, Va., said, "No one has the right to take the law in his own hands. May God have mercy on his soul."

And Paul Hoilman, Washington laboratory worker, said, "He might not be the one. We can't know without a trial. If he isn't the one, we'd be hurting."

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