

# Contrasting Characters Share Lead in Tragedy

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

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 Presi-

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 awoke 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 4 p.m., he would leave in his 1960 automobile for the club.

dent'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.

**"WE WERE MORE** affected

by the President getting shot than when my father died. He was 89 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 him."

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