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EFFORT TO TAKE OVER DALLAS RACKETS TOLD

Link Ruby, Oswald Killer,

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CHICAGO, ILL. — Jack Ruby, one-time Chicagoan who killed President Kennedy's accused assassin Sunday in Dallas, Tex., has been linked to the west-side Chicago mob that tried to take over the Dallas rackets in the postwar years.

He was also identified as a government informer against some of the gang, of whom three were later murdered and their bodies stuffed into car trunks.

FBI Quiz

A Chicago attorney who represented Ruby before the old U. S. Senate Crime Investigating Committee headed by the late Senator Estes Kefauver has been questioned by the FBI, which entered the investigation of the murder of Lee Harvey Oswald on direct orders from President Johnson.

As a result of the fast-breaking disclosures, a top Justice Department official has been flown to Dallas with orders to "direct and co-ordi-



Wirephoto (AP)

JACK RUBY

Described as "Police Buff"

nate" investigative reports from here, Dallas, and elsewhere.

He is Herbert J. (Jack) Miller, head of the General Crime Section of the Justice Depart-

ment's Criminal Division.

Attorney

Luis Kutner, Chicago attorney who at one time was a consultant with the Kefauver Committee, said he was questioned by FBI agents Sunday night about his relationship with Ruby.

Kutner said that in 1950 he arranged a Chicago meeting for Ruby with Rudolph Halley, chief counsel for the Kefauver Committee.

Evidence

At the meeting, Kutner said, Halley disclosed evidence gathered by Dallas Detective Lt. George Butler.

This was that Ruby was part of the Chicago mob, possibly the go-between, that planned on taking over all rackets in Dallas.

Butler told the committee that the Chicagoans, to remove all competition and show how tough they were, planned to kill four leading Dallas gamblers, put their bodies in a car, and park it in front of Police Headquarters.

Leader of the Chicago delegation, according to Butler, was Daniel Lardino, at the time a powerhouse in the Chicago restaurant unions.

Lardino is right-hand man for Tony (Big Tuna) Accardo, semi-retired boss of the Chicago rackets.

Others identified by Butler were Paul Roland Jones, Marcus Lipsky, Martin (The Ox) Ochs, Paul (Needlenose) Labriola, James S. Weinberg and Nicholas (Nick) De John.

Murdered in 1954

Labriola and Weinberg were murdered here in 1954 and their bodies put in the

trunk of a car. They had been strangled and poisoned.

De John, near-north-side vice and rackets czar, was slain in similar fashion in San Francisco.

Jones is now serving a 199-year prison term for smuggling opium.

Kutner also linked Ruby to Dave Yarras, Lennie Patrick and William Block, west-side gamblers questioned in the murder of racing czar James Ragen.

"He was really part of the west-side mob," said Kutner of Ruby. "He liked to hang around those fellows."

Ruby also worked as a union organizer for Paul (Red) Dorfman, Chicago union boss

and close buddy of James R. Hoffa, Teamsters Union president.

Dorfman headed the Waste and Material Handlers Union here until he was kicked out of the A. F. L.-C. I. O. by President George Meany for his hoodlum connections.

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'Guys and Dolls' Character

DALLAS, TEX. (AP)—"A 'Guys and Dolls' character, that's Jack Ruby," said one friend.

Ruby is the man that television viewers Sunday saw gun down Lee Harvey Oswald, the accused killer of President Kennedy.

The strip-tease club operator's "got a million friends in show business" and a lot of former business associates, too. Most peg him in a different way.

"I don't think political

affiliation had anything to do with Ruby's action," said Attorney Tom Howard, who will defend him on a murder charge.

"I don't think Ruby has any political affiliation."

Sister

Ruby's sister, Eva Grant, said he was badly shaken by President Kennedy's death.

"He couldn't eat Friday," she said. "He kept talking about Jackie and the Kennedy kids.

"I told him, 'Don't worry. Someone will shoot Oswald.'"

In Chicago, a brother, Hyman Rubenstein, 61, said: "Our brother did this for only one reason—he's a good patriotic American and he got carried away."

Born in Chicago

Jack Ruby, 52, was born Leon Rubenstein in Chicago. Those who knew him there said he learned quickly to handle his fists among the ruthless youngsters of the west-side streets.

Some of his pals moved high in the entertainment world. They included Jack Leonard, the night club comic, and Acrom Goldbogen, who became Mike Todd and married Elizabeth Taylor, the movie actress.

Ruby's Chicago pals called him "Sparky" because although he was soft spoken his temper was quick and hot.

He peddled cigars, janitor supplies, novelties and auto accessories at various times. But for small-time profits,

ticket scalping was a favorite pursuit.

Beatings

He was known to have taken a couple of severe beatings. Usually, though, he didn't suffer in an encounter.

His emotions, so often the tinder for a fight, were also the kind that choked him up and brought tears. He went overboard emotionally. He never married, but he worked hard at being a gallant sir knight to ladies.

Ruby showed up in Dallas about 15 years ago and made it good—for him—with his first little swinging place, the Silver Spur. Now he has the Carousel and Vegas clubs, as

well as an arrest record for carrying concealed weapons.

"Man," said a onetime partner in dance promotions, "he was hungry for a buck."

Some saw him as an intensely patriotic man, a hero worshiper of presidents.

"Police Buff"

But Herbert C. D. Kelly of New Orleans, a former business associate, figured Ruby was more upset over the killing of a Dallas patrolman than over the president's death.

"Patriotic, he wasn't; a police buff, he was," said Kelly.

To Dist. Atty. Henry Wade, Ruby is just a killer.

"I'll ask the death penal-

ty," said Wade, adding that he will present his case to the grand jury "within the next week."

Officers are guarding Ruby around the clock. Police Sgt. M. O. Rogers said they have taken away his belt and shoes. Rogers said Ruby told him Monday morning that he had slept well in his City Jail cell.