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By all accounts, Jack Ruby would've loved this. At long last, he is highly popular, sought after and even fought over. His character is important to Oliver Stone's "JFK" movie, and now Lava Productions is coming to town to shoot some scenes for a movie, "Ruby," all about him, starring Danny Aiello. Such a hot property is Jack Ruby that producers are spatting over the telling of his story. Oliver Stone, we hear, has warned everybody in Dallas who worked on his "JFK" film that they'd better not have anything to do with "Ruby." Anything at all. Or they'd never do lunch with Ollie again. We hear tales of production folks' files being toted off to New Orleans to keep them from being useful to the "Ruby" producers. We hear tales of Dallas people assuming new identities for the "Ruby" project so that Ollie won't see their names in the credits and cross them off his future lists. Highly competitive stuff, the movie biz, and there's going to be a race to see which one of these films can hit the screen first. "JFK" is expected to be shooting in New Orleans for about another month before it moves to Washington, D.C., for a few heavy duty political scenes. The "Ruby" folks won't show up in Dallas until August, but that project is not expected to take nearly as long to put together as Ollie's movie. Well, they're off. May the best reels win.