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NIGHT CLUB

OPERATOR KILLS

ACCUSED ASSASSIN OSWALD

One Shot Takes Life of Marxist

DALLAS (UPI)—Lee Harvey Oswald, accused assassin of President Kennedy, was shot and killed Sunday by a self-appointed executioner who was an admirer of the late Chief Executive.

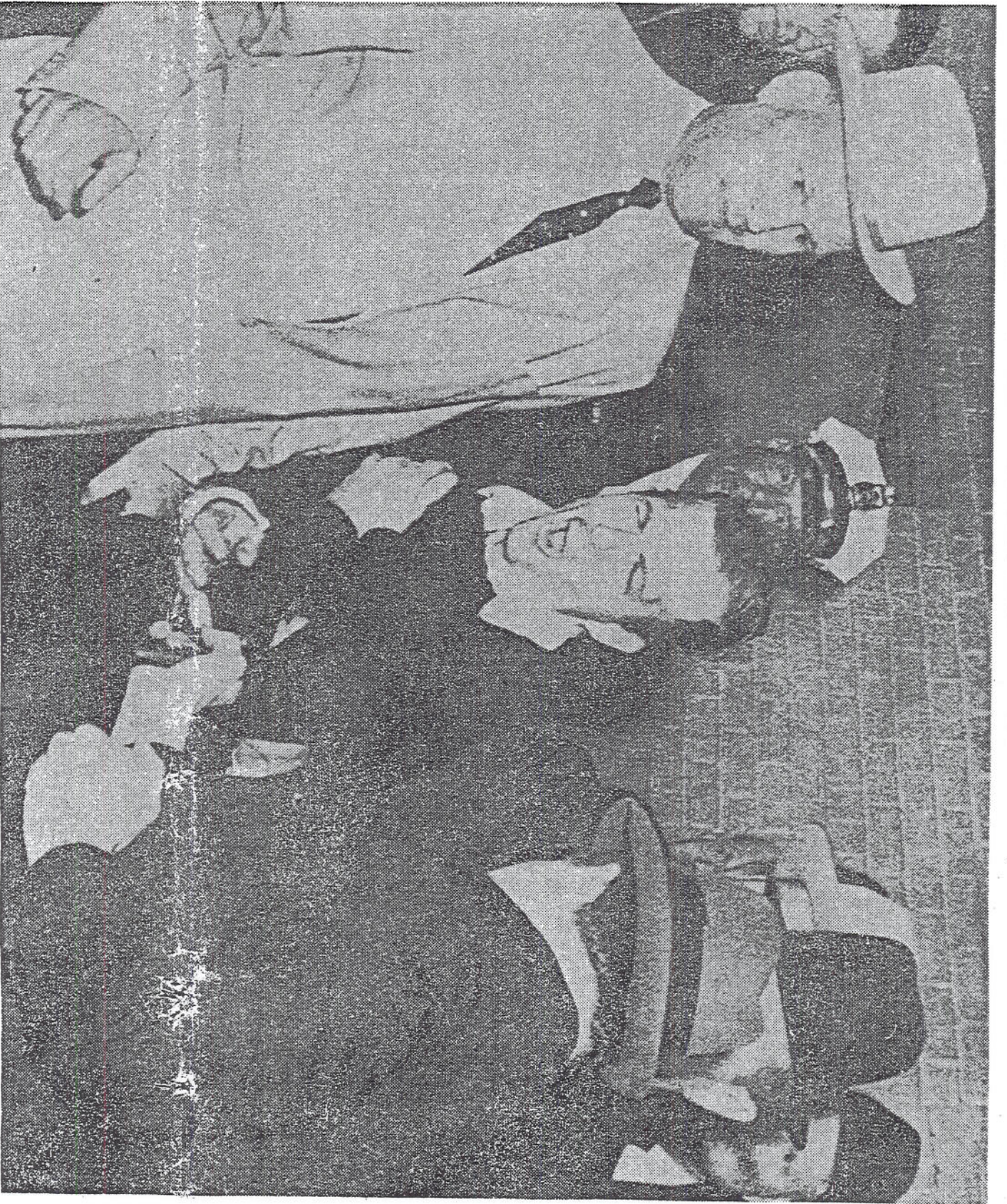
Oswald, 24, was being transferred under heavy guard from the city jail and "live" television cameras were trained on him when he was mortally wounded.

Jack Ruby, 52, operator of a Dallas strip-tease club, slipped through a heavy security police guard and fired a single shot from a snub-nose revolver into Oswald's chest just below the heart.

The pro-Castro, pro-Communist ex-Marine slumped to the floor, fatally wounded. He was rushed to Parkland memorial hospital

said Will Fritz, Dallas homicide chief. Doctors attending Oswald said he groaned during attempts to save his life, but uttered no last words.

The case of the assassination of President Kennedy now is "closed," said Fritz, who Saturday told newsmen he had an iron-clad case against Oswald. Ruby, was charged with Os-



Lee H. Oswald Begins To Collapse as Bullet From Jack Ruby's Gun, Fired at Point-Blank Range, Smashes Into Him
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JACK RUBY

when arraigned for murder

—AP Wirephoto

wald's murder, but police said the death of Oswald means there never will be courtroom proof that he murdered Mr. Kennedy.

Called 'Hot Tempered'

Ruby, who changed his name from Jack Rubenstein when he came here from Chicago 15 years ago, was known to his former friends there as a "hot-tempered street fighter."

He said nothing Sunday as he lunged toward Oswald, pointing the .38 caliber revolver just four inches from the accused assassin's chest. He fired once, and the bullet pierced Oswald's vital organs.

Since getting into the nightclub business here, Ruby was known as a "gladhander" who liked to make tourists welcome to his clubs. A Chicago associate said he was known to have fierce political loyalties and was "quick to sock anyone disparaging F.D.R."

Criminal Record

Ruby is a bachelor with a long criminal record here. He was a devoted backer of President Kennedy, his friends said.

Ruby, in shirtsleeves, gave no motive for the shooting when arraigned on the murder charges before Justice of the Peace Pierce McBride at city jail.

Saturday he was known to have been in city hall when Fritz said there was uncontestable evidence that "Oswald killed President Kennedy."

Televised Murder

Dr. Malcolm O. Perry, one of the 12 physicians who attended Oswald, said the accused assassin was "lethally injured" by the time he arrived at the Parkland hospital emergency room 10 minutes after he was shot.

"At that time, he was unconscious, had no blood pressure, but made agonal respiratory efforts (dying gasps)," the doctor said, and he already had lost a considerable amount of blood.

Oswald's body was turned over from the hospital to custody of the police, as required by Texas law. He had become the first victim of a nationally televised murder.

Built Up Grievance

Fritz came out of his office, where Ruby underwent questioning Sunday night, and said Ruby had "built up a grievance," and did not deny anything.

He said he did not know how Ruby got into the heavily guarded city hall. Ruby did not tell him.

Ruby was refusing to discuss certain aspects of the case until he consulted attorneys.

Sunday, Bill Demar, a memory expert, told authorities he saw Oswald in Ruby's strip palace, the Carousel Club, last week. He said he could not remember the day.

Composure Shaken

Oswald's composure seemed shaken Saturday when police confronted him with photographs showing him posing with the rifle

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allegedly used to kill the President.

Oswald's handwriting was on the order blank for the \$12.78 mail-order rifle that killed Mr. Kennedy.

The chief of the Texas Highway Patrol ordered at least 20 extra men into Dallas to guard Gov. John Connally as he recuperated at Parkland hospital from chest wounds sustained at the hands of the Presidential assassin.

Charged With Murder

Ruby, who liked to talk of dating girls who worked for him at his striptease club in downtown Dallas, was quickly subdued by eight detectives and taken to a fifth floor cell in the jail. Police quickly charged him with murder.

Ruby has a police record here dating back to 1953. It was not known how he managed to slip through the stringent security measures which had been taken before Oswald's scheduled transfer to the county jail.

The man is known to police here by sight.

"I didn't see him. If I had seen him, I would have thrown him out," said Sgt. P. T. Dean of the Dallas police.

Officers on Duty

Newsmen had been carefully screened and other persons in the building supposedly checked out by the police. About 100 officers were on duty in the basement when Oswald was shot.

Attired in black trousers, a tan shirt and black sweater, Oswald had a black eye which he received while officers were trying to subdue him.

As the shot was fired, Oswald's face became ashen white as the blood drained from his cheeks. He appeared to be in extreme pain and clutched his side below the rib cage.

Never Convicted

Some witnesses said they heard a cheer arise from somewhere in the crowd when it became obvious that Oswald had been shot.

Dallas police registers show Ruby was charged with carrying a concealed weapon in 1953 and 1954. Disposition of the cases is unknown.

In 1954, a charge of violating state liquor laws against Ruby's

club was dismissed. He was charged with violating dance hall ordinances in 1959 and again in 1960. But defense attorneys said that as far as is known, Ruby never had been convicted of a felony.