Murderer of Oswald Portrayed as Tough Guy, Loner, Emotional

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DALLAS - He's a tough guy, this Jack Ruby.

He's a loner, too.

He's emotional - real emotional - and he flies off the ously patriotic." handle.

A policeman who saw him mov- to make a buck," said his one- ner. ing in on Lee Harvey Oswald, the time business associate.

self-styled Communist accused of screamed: "Jack, you son-of-a-. ."

plated pistol he always carried into Oswald and pulled the trigger.

Crashes Conference

Oswald died a little more than' an hour later.

"I'll charge Ruby with murder," said Dist. Atty. Henry Wade of the man Wade had met only the night before, when the strip-tease joint owner crashed a news conference as police revealed more details of their case against Oswald.

"I can take care of myself," Ruby always boasted.

"Yeah, he could do that," said a close personal friend, a man who used to run public social dances with the stocky health fadist.

Police Knew Him

"Yeah, man. He's always after fight in another night spot. A it. He lives for that business . . . man heckled him.

His real name is Jack Rubenassassinating President Kennedy, stein and he showed up in Dallas President's death. But the busi-

The police know Ruby, too. "I know all the policemen."

Ruby told Wade at the press conference. "And the newsmen. I just

came down to listen in." Fought With Heckler

That's why it didn't seem strange to have Jack Ruby pop up among the crowd of newsmen, photographers, and detectives forming a human barrier that Oswald had to cross in his transfer from one jail to another.

He was used to being around. The police had had him around for other reasons. Like two arrests for carrying a concealed weapon, once in July of this year; once in May, 1954. For violating a dance hall ordinance in 1959. And just a few days ago for aggravated assault. He had a

"He's a little odd," said Bill DeMar, the master of ceremonies who brings on the strippers at the Carousel Club. "but tremend-. .

"For a buck," said his ex-part-

"You know, this just about would have killed him. Not the about 15 years ago, moving in on ness. You live for the holidays the city's night life with a little in this town. Two months of the Jack Ruby rammed the nickel-place called the Silver Slipper. free spending and it carries you the rest of the year.

Ruby Liked Animals

"The business is shot for Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's. Man, who's gonna live it up now?"

Women like Jack Ruby, but he wasn't interested.

"You know what it was with him. Animals. Three dogs. Cats. He'd do anything for them."

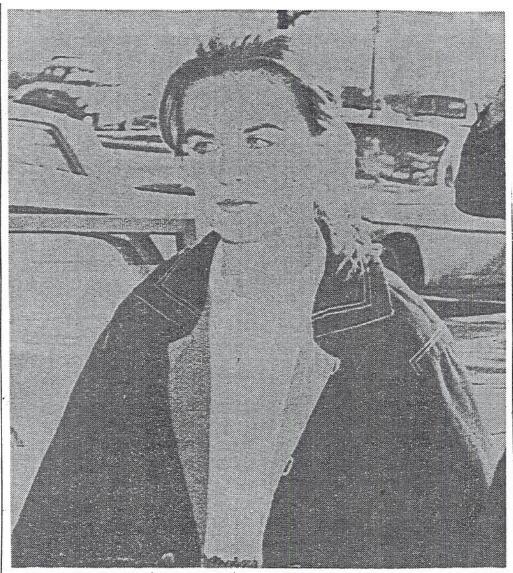
Ruby is a character in a business of characters.

He doesn't drink or smoke. He doesn't curse.

"He's a real gentleman with the ladies."

Didn't Need Bouncer

But he is rough. "He didn't need a bouncer. He could handle himself. He was proud of that." .



Mrs. Marina Oswald, Russian wife of Lee Harvey Oswald, arrives at Parkland hospital in Dallas where the accused assassin of President Kennedy died of a bullet wound inflicted

while he was being moved from the Dallas city jail. Jack Ruby, nightclub owner, has been charged with murder in Oswald's slaying. —AP Wirephoto