

President Is Assassinated



President John F. Kennedy

The Mind Could Not Comprehend

The mind could not comprehend what the ear had heard. This was the reaction in Salina Friday noon hour as word of the shooting of President Kennedy at first trickled, then swept like wild fire through downtown Salina. Most persons were on their lunch hours when the shocking news came. First it was rumors, "Did you here what happened down in Texas?" "No. What?" "President Kennedy has been killed."

said she heard the news that way. "The music stopped and then they said President Kennedy had been shot," she said. "It was so quiet you could have heard a pin drop. A woman walked into a restaurant. She told several people what she had heard. But even she could not believe what she had heard. Capt. Dan Spellman was in his private car when the news came. He heard it on his car radio. He picked up his police radio transmitter microphone and announced the news to the police station. He repeated his message three times so there could be no mistake.

2 Law Officers Shot And Killed

Friday, Nov. 22— DALLAS (AP) — A Secret Service agent and a Dallas policeman were shot and killed today some distance from the area where President Kennedy was assassinated. No other information was immediately available. * * *

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Suspect Nabbed

FORT WORTH, Tex. (AP)— Soon after President Kennedy was assassinated today in Dallas, a white man in his mid 20s was arrested in the Riverside section of Fort Worth in the shooting of a Dallas policeman. The man, who has black curly hair and who wore a red shirt, denied that he was connected with the assassination of the President. His hands were handcuffed and he was taken to the Fort Worth City jail.

Congo Won't Cut Relations With Russians

By Romia Mannaek
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LEOPOLDVILLE, the Congo (AP) — The Congolese government is expelling the Soviet diplomatic mission from Leopoldville for the second time in three years but Premier Cyrille Adoula says he is not severing diplomatic relations with Moscow. The premier charged the Russians Thursday with subversive dealings with antigovernment exiles across the Congo River in neighboring Brazzaville. Adoula set no deadline for Soviet Ambassador Sergei Nemtchina and his 100-member mission to leave but indicated that the Russians probably would be given 48 hours.

Ford To Buy Detroit Lions

DETROIT (AP)—Detroit Lion stockholders voted Friday to accept the \$6-million offer of William Clay Ford to purchase the National Football League club's franchise. Ford, 38, scion of the Ford Motor Co. family, and a vice president of the firm, became a pro football enthusiast after his election to the Lions' board of directors in 1956. He was named president of the club a little more than two years ago as a compromise following an internal squabble.

Felled By A Sniper

DALLAS, Nov. 22 (AP)—President John F. Kennedy, thirty-sixth President of the United States, was shot to death today by a hidden assassin armed with a high-powered rifle.

Kennedy, 46, lived about 30 minutes after a sniper cut him down as his limousine left downtown Dallas. Newsmen said the shot that hit him was fired about 12:30 p.m. (Salina time). A hospital announcement said he died at approximately 1 p.m. of a bullet wound in the head.

Johnson President Now
Automatically, the mantle of the presidency fell to Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson, a native Texan who had been riding two cars behind the chief executive.

Kennedy died at Parkland Hospital where his bullet-pierced body had been taken in a frantic but futile effort to save his life.

Lying wounded at the same hospital was Gov. John Connally of Texas, who was cut down by the same fusillade that ended the life of the youngest man ever elected to the presidency.

Connally and his wife had been riding with the President and Mrs. Kennedy.

The First Lady cradled her dying husband's blood-smeared head in her arms as the presidential limousine raced to the hospital.

"Oh, no," she kept crying. Connally slumped in his seat beside the President. Police ordered an unprecedented dragnet of the city, hunting for the assassin.

Suspect Described
They believed the fatal shots were fired by a white man, about 30, slender of build, weighing about 165 pounds, and standing 5 feet 10 inches tall. The murder weapon was reportedly a 30-30 rifle.

Gets Last Rites
Shortly before Kennedy's death became known, he was administered the last rites of the Roman Catholic Church. He had been the first Roman Catholic president in American history. Even as two clergymen hovered over the fallen President in the hospital emergency room, doctors and nurses administered blood transfusions.

Kennedy died of a gunshot wound in the brain at approximately 1 p.m. (Salina time) according to an announcement by acting White House press secretary Malcolm Kilduff.

The new President, Lyndon Johnson, and his wife left the hospital a half hour later. Newsmen had no opportunity to question them.

Tells Of It
The horror of the assassination was mirrored in an eye-witness account by Sen. Ralph Yarborough, D-Tex., who had been riding three cars behind Kennedy. "You could tell something awful and tragic had happened," the senator told newsmen before Kennedy's death became known. His voice breaking and his eyes red-rimmed, Yarborough said:

Anger And Despair
"I could see a Secret Service man in the President's car leaning on the car with his hands in anger, anguish and despair. I knew then something tragic had happened."

Yarborough had counted three rifle shots as the presidential limousine left downtown Dallas through a triple underpass. The shots were fired from above—possibly from one of the bridges or from a nearby building.

Saw A Gun
One witness, television reporter Mal Couch, said he saw a gun emerge from an upper story of a warehouse commanding an unobstructed view of the presidential car.

Kennedy was the first president to be assassinated since William McKinley was shot in 1901.

It was the first death of a president in office since Franklin D. Roosevelt died of a cerebral hemorrhage at Warm Springs, Ga., in April 1945.

Roosevelt had been enjoying a vacation when he died. McKinley had been shaking hands at a reception at an exposition in Buffalo, N.Y.

At Halfway Point
Kennedy and his wife had just passed the halfway point in a

Bulletin Johnson Sworn In As President

DALLAS, Tex. — Lyndon B. Johnson was sworn in as President of the United States Friday about 2 hours after President Kennedy died.

three-day speaking tour through Texas.

The President already had prepared a luncheon address for a Dallas audience before he died. In his prepared text, he assailed his ultraconservative critics.

Dallas is considered a center of conservative philosophy and finance.

Stevenson Attacked
Here, on Oct. 2, Adlai E. Stevenson was spat upon by one heckler and struck by another after making a United Nations Day address.

It was believed that Kennedy's body would be moved shortly to Washington.

Traditionally, funeral services for presidents who die in office are held in the capital city.

Connally was rushed into surgery for a two-hour emergency operation.

Asst. presidential press secretary Malcolm Kilduff said Johnson was not hit. The new President previously had been reported wounded.

Kilduff told newsmen that Gov. Connally, a Democrat, was wounded in the right chest.

Connally also was hit in the right wrist.

Not Hysterical
Though Mrs. Kennedy cried, "Oh, No," in horror and despair after her husband was shot, she did not collapse or give way to hysteria.

When she entered the hospital, her clothing was covered with blood from her husband's wounds.

Lt. Erich Kaminski of the Secret Service said the assassin's weapon appeared to have been a "high-powered Army or Japanese rifle of about .25 caliber." The rifle had a scope on it, he said.

The entire building where the sniper was located was evacuated. People were working in the building at the time of the shooting.

Dallas inspector J. H. Sawyer said, "Police found the remains of fried chicken and paper on the fifth floor. Apparently the persons had been there quite awhile."

Lay In Wait
After the fatal shots were fired at Kennedy, the stricken President's Secret Service driver raced away from the scene at top speed—heading for the nearest hospital and trying to get the presidential party out of range of further gunfire.

Kennedy, Connally and their wives had been riding together in the President's familiar dark blue, bubbletop convertible. The transparent plastic roof of the vehicle had been removed for the motorcade.

Secret Service agents riding with the President and in a second convertible following close behind, immediately drew pistols and automatic weapons.

But they were unable to get a shot at the gunman.

Dallas motorcycle officers, ranged around the cavalcade, took off across a field in the direction from which the murderer apparently had fired.

One officer raced to the foot of a nearby railroad embankment and climbed to the tracks above, gun in hand.

Pandemonium
The motorcade, which had just passed through downtown crowds standing 10 and 12 deep along each curb, broke apart in pandemonium as Secret Service agents rushed Kennedy and Connally to the hospital.

Ironically, Kennedy was shot to death at a spot where there were few spectators—after driving almost within handshaking distance of many thousands.

Kennedy's body was removed

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President Shot

Secret Serviceman leans over wounded President Kennedy as Mrs. Kennedy turns in horrified surprise.



Smiles Before Death

President and Mrs. Kennedy in the open car minutes before shots were fired. At right is Texas Gov. John Connally, also shot by the assassin.



Just Before The Shot

President Kennedy addresses a crowd a few minutes before he was shot. Standing with him are (left to right) Sen. Ralph Yarborough, Texas Gov. John Connally, who also was shot, and Vice-President Johnson.

Day To Mourn Here Saturday

Mayor Gaylord Spaulder proclaimed Saturday as a day of mourning for President Kennedy and instructed all flags of the city to be flown at half mast.

He urged Salinians to attend church Sunday to pray for Mr. Kennedy and for the heavenly guidance of the nation and its new president.

A solemn Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 11 am Saturday at Sacred Heart Cathedral for President Kennedy, the country's first Roman Catholic president.

The Cathedral was filled with praying school children and parishioners when the announcement of the President's death was made.

There will be a Requiem at 9 am Saturday at the Episcopal Christ Cathedral in memory of President Kennedy, said the Very Rev. Frederic W. Litchman, dean.

"The only thing one could say is to state a shocked disbelief that this disgraceful violence should happen in this country," said the Rev. Phillip Anderson, president of the Salina Ministerial Association.

"It ought to call us all to a supplication to Almighty God to help us meet this kind of circumstance. We are thinking in terms of a meeting and will announce plans later."

Superintendent of schools ordered all school flags flown at half mast.

The Sacred Heart high school musical review, slated for 8 pm Friday, was postponed.

President Kennedy visited Salina Nov. 20, 1959, during his campaign for the Democratic nomination for the presidency.

He visited Marymount College during that time and later gave a speech at Hays.

Cold Weather Grips Big Area

By The Associated Press
Cold weather, with snow, sleet and freezing rain, spread across wide areas in the Upper Plains region today but unseasonably mild temperatures continued in the major part of the nation.

The core of the cold air from Canada centered in western North Dakota and eastern Montana, with temperatures near zero. Light snow fell in most of the Dakotas, Montana, western and central Nebraska, parts of Wyoming and eastern Colorado.

Hazardous driving conditions were reported in the wet belt while livestock warnings were issued by the Weather Bureau. Sleet and freezing rain and rain mixed with snow also created dangerous driving conditions in areas east of the cold belt.

Alleged Speed Demon Caught

HUTCHINSON, Kan. (AP) — Seventeen-year-old James Bardshaw of Mount Hope, Kan., was charged Tuesday with speeding, and officers said he was the driver who led them on a wild chase that ended with the crash of a Kansas Highway Patrol cruiser.

Bardshaw was charged in Reno County with speeding 110 miles an hour in a 60-mile zone and refusing to yield to a pursuing officer. Investigators indicated additional charges will be filed in Harvey County.

Officers said two witnesses who saw the start of the chase in Haven were able to give them the identity of the driver and his car.

Dear Sal:

It's time to shake the moths out of the thermal underwear.
Yours,
Ina

Put Another Blanket On The Bed Tonight

(Detailed forecasts, Pg. 2)

The cold front sweeping across Kansas reached Salina at 7:15 am Friday when the mercury stood at a mild 52 degrees and a gentle wind came out of the west-southwest.

One hour later, it was 41 degrees here and the wind had switched to the north-northwest, kicking along at 20-plus miles per hour with gusts to 30.

By 1 pm, the FAA station at the airport had 29 degrees and some light freezing rain had fallen.

Down Into 'Teens
The Weather Bureau says clearing skies, expected in the

late afternoon and evening, will drop Salina readings still further, perhaps as low as 10 to 15 degrees before Saturday morning.

A slow warmup trend is forecast for Saturday.

Precipitation now appears ended in the Salina area. The airport station recorded .02 of an inch of precipitation before noon in and a trace thereafter.

Some Central Rains
In the Central and North-central area, readings included 11, 34; Concordia, 33; Belleville, 37; Abilene, 38; Manhattan, 33; Marion, 31; Colas, 25; Hillsboro, 31.