

PRESIDENT KENNEDY IS KILLED IN AMBUSH AT DALLAS, TEXAS

Shot in the Head by Sniper as He Leaves Downtown in a Motorcade



FRAMED BY THE President's seal, whose darts and stars seem to be sprouting from his head, President John F. Kennedy speaks at a recent Washington press conference.

Lyndon Johnson New U. S. President Gov. Connally of Texas Is Wounded

DALLAS, Tex. (AP) — President John F. Kennedy, 36th President of the United States, was shot to death Friday 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. A hospital announcement said he died at approximately 1 p. m. of a bullet wound in the head. Automatically, the mantle of the presidency fell to Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson. Johnson, a native Texan, had been riding two cars behind the chief executive.

Johnson was sworn in late Friday afternoon.

Efforts Fail

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. Connally's condition was said to be serious. He underwent surgery for a gunshot wound in the chest. While the governor "was not

out of the woods," his doctors said his vital signs were good. The doctor said Connally had a good pulse and that his respiration was satisfactory. "Oh, No!"

The First Lady cradled her dying husband's bloody head in her arms as the presidential limousine raced to the hospital. "Oh, no!" she kept crying. Connally slumped in his seat. Police ordered an unprecedented dragnet of the city, hunting for the assassin.

Police said they believed the fatal shots were fired by a white man about 30, slender of build, weighing about 135 pounds, and standing 5 feet 10 inches.

The murder weapon reportedly was a 30-30 rifle.

Given Last Rites

Kennedy had been given the last rites of the Roman Catholic Church. He had been the first Roman Catholic president in American history.

Doctors and nurses had administered blood transfusions.

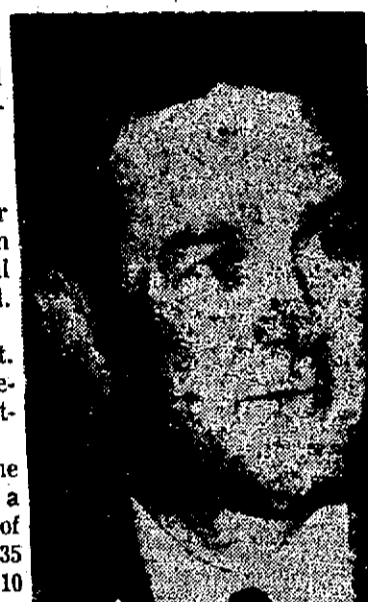
Kennedy died of a gunshot wound in the brain at approximately 1 p. m., according to an announcement by acting White House press secretary Malcolm Kilduff.

Johnson and his wife left the hospital half an hour later. Newsmen had no opportunity to question them. Kilduff said Johnson was not hit. The new President previously had been reported wounded.

Eyewitness Account

The horror of the assassination was mirrored in an eyewitness account of Sen. Ralph Yarborough, 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 was breaking and his eyes were red-rimmed. "I could see a Secret Service



GOV. JOHN CONNALLY



MRS. JOHN F. KENNEDY



LYNDON JOHNSON

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 said.

Connally's 3 Shots 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.

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.

First Since 1901

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 succumbed to 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.

Passed Halfway Point Kennedy and his wife had just passed the halfway point in a 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. Here, on Oct. 24, Adlai E. Stevenson was spat upon by one heckler and struck by another after making a United Nations Day address.

Traditionally, services for presidents who die in office are held in Washington.

Kilduff told newsmen that Gov. Connally, a Democrat, was wounded in the right chest in the same ambush that felled the President. Connally was rushed into surgery for a two-hour emergency operation. Connally also was hit in the right wrist. 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.

Cops Take Off

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

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

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 thousand.

Kennedy's body was removed from Parkland Hospital at 2:05 p.m. in an ambulance with off- See KENNEDY: Continued on page 2, col. 6

Cop, Secret Service Man Are Killed

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

Man Arrested, Denies Part in Assassination

FORT WORTH, Tex. (AP) — Soon after President Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas, a white man in his mid 20s was arrested Friday 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 jail.

High-Powered Jap Rifle Used

DALLAS, Tex. (AP) — Lt. Erich Kaminski of the Secret Service said the weapon used to kill President Kennedy appears to have been a "high-powered Japanese army rifle of about 25-caliber." The rifle had a scope on it, he said. The entire building where the sniper was located was evacuated. See RIFLE Continued on page 2, col. 8

Kennedy Lashes Goldwater Ideas on Foreign Policy

DALLAS, Tex. (AP) — President Kennedy lashed out Friday at those he said "confuse rhetoric with reality."

Speaking in an area where supporters are booming Sen. Barry Goldwater of Arizona for the 1964 Republican presidential nomination, Kennedy said that ignorance and misinformation "if allowed to prevail in foreign policy, handicaps this country's security."

Kennedy was shot and killed before he could deliver the address.

Not by Name

In a speech prepared for the Dallas Citizens Council, the Dallas Assembly and the Graduate Research Center of the Southwest, Kennedy did not mention Goldwater by name.

"In a world of complex and continuing problems, in a world full of frustrations and irritations, America's leadership must be guided by the lights of learning and reason — or else those who confuse rhetoric with reality and the plausible with the possible will gain the ascendancy with their seemingly swift and simple solutions to every world problem," Kennedy said.

Goldwater's recent proposal that American commanders in the field be given authority to use nuclear weapons on their own initiative has drawn bristling criticism from administration leaders. "There always will be dissenting voices heard in the land,

expressing opposition without alternatives, finding fault but never favor, perceiving gloom on every side and seeking influence without responsibility," Kennedy said. "Their voices are inevitable."

Kennedy said that these voices were preaching doctrines wholly unrelated to reality and that they "apparently assume that words will suffice without weapons, that vituperation is as good as victory, and that peace is a sign of weakness."

Jibes Critics

Kennedy also took a jibe at those who have criticized his economic and financial policies.

"At a time when the national debate is steadily being reduced in terms of its burden on our economy," he said, "they see that debt as the greatest single threat to our security. At a time when we are steadily reducing the number of federal employees serving every thousand and citizens, they fear those supposed hordes of civil servants more than the actual hordes of opposing armies."

The President said no one could expect that all would "talk sense" to the American people, a phrase Adlai E. Stevenson used in two presidential campaigns.

"But," he said, "we can hope that fewer people will listen to nonsense. And the notion that this nation is headed for defeat through deficits or that strength is but a matter of slogans, is nothing but just plain non-

sense." Kennedy ticked off steps he said his administration had taken to make the nation militarily more secure and, to advance the fight against Communism.

He said that last month's "Operation Big Lift," which originated in Texas, showed clearly that "this nation is prepared as never before to move substantial numbers of men in surprisingly little time to advanced positions anywhere in the world."

Local 46 Calls Mass Meeting For Saturday

Local 46, United Packinghouse Workers of America, has called a union mass meeting for Union Hall at 4 p. m. Saturday in connection with the labor dispute which has virtually shut down the Rath Packing Co. Story on page 3.

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KENNEDY AND CONNALLY BEFORE SHOOTING — President John F. Kennedy (left), and Gov. John Connally of Texas (right), leave Love field and were shot as they rode on caravan in Dallas, Tex., Friday. In center is Mrs. Kennedy.