

ANGER FOLLOWS SHOCK

Manhunt Pushed For Kennedy's Slayer; Johnson Takes Office

U.S. Stunned Coast-To-Coast

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS The United States reeled in stunned disbelief Friday at the news that President Kennedy had been shot and killed by an assassin. Business came to a near standstill from coast to coast. "Is it true?" a New York judge asked. "How did it happen?" was another question. But the big question in those first numbing moments of the momentous news from Dallas, Tex., was: "Is he alive?" More than an hour passed before the feared answer came: The president is dead. Anger followed the initial shock. In downtown Manhattan's criminal courts building a man slammed a newspaper violently onto a desk and ran from a room in near hysteria. But most New Yorkers reacted with stunned, grim-faced silence. Said Senator Wayne Morse, Oregon Democrat, just before the recess: "If there was ever an hour when all Americans should pray, this is the hour." In Hyannis Port, Mass., a workman told the president's mother and father about the shooting. It was reported that neither commented. Kennedy's father is a semi-invalid as the result of a stroke.



LEE HARVEY OSWALD, 24, is seen in police headquarters in Dallas, Texas, where he is being held for questioning in the assassination of President Kennedy. (AP Wirephoto)

Dallas Street Scene Of Crime

DALLAS (AP) — A hidden gunman assassinated President Kennedy with a high-powered rifle Friday. Three shots reverberated. Blood sprang from the president's face. He fell face downward in the back seat of his car. His wife clutched his hand and tried to lift it, crying "Oh, no!" Half an hour later, John F. Kennedy was dead and the United States had a new president, Lyndon B. Johnson. Within the hour, police had arrested a 24-year-old man following the fatal shooting of a Dallas policeman. Homicide Capt. Will Fritz said Friday night witnesses had identified the man as the slayer of the policeman and he had been charged with murder. Fritz said he had not been established that the man killed the president—but it had been established that he was in the building from which the shots were fired at the time of the assassination. He is Harvey Lee Oswald of Fort Worth, who four years ago said he was applying for Russian citizenship. He has a Russian wife. Oswald denied that he had shot anybody. The assassination occurred just as the president's motorcade was leaving downtown Dallas at the end of a triumphal tour through the city's streets. ON WAY TO SPEAK His special car—with the protective bubble down—was moving down in an incline into an underpass that leads to a freeway route to the Dallas Trade Mart, where he was to speak. Witnesses heard three shots. Two hit the president, one in the head and one in the neck. The third shot wounded Governor John B. Connally of Texas in the side but his condition was reported not critical. As the gunfire rang in the street, a reporter in the caravan screamed: "My God, they're shooting at the president!" The motorcade slowed and then sped forward at breakneck speed to Parkland Hospital at the end of the route. Onlookers, terrified at the sight and sound of the assassination, dived for protection onto a grassy park at the entrance of the underpass, leaving more shots. Police swarmed into the scene. At the hospital emergency entrance, Associated Press reporter Jack Bell saw the president stretched out face down at full length, motionless on the backseat of the car. His suit still looked neat—but there was blood on the floor. Secret Service men helped Mrs. Kennedy away from the car. Hospital attendants aided Connally and his wife. PLANNING EVIDENT It seemed evident that there was some planning behind the assassination. In the Texas school book depository building, overlooking the underpass, officers found an old .30-calibre rifle with telescopic sights, spent cartridges and scraps of fried chicken. The rifle was partly hidden behind books on the second floor of the six-story building. The bullets had come from about a 45-degree angle. He was 46 and the youngest. (Continued on page 2, col. 1)

Funeral To Be Held Monday

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Kennedy's funeral will be held Monday at St. Matthew's Roman Catholic Cathedral, the White House announced Friday night. The body of the slain president will lie in repose at the White House today and will lie in state in the rotunda of the Capitol on Sunday and Monday. The president's body will be taken a couple of miles to the cathedral at 11 a. m. EST Monday. There, Richard Cardinal Cushing, archbishop of Boston and close friend of the Kennedy family, will celebrate a pontifical requiem mass at noon. Andrew T. Hatcher, acting White House press secretary, said he did not know where Kennedy will be buried.

Suspect Fought During Arrest

DALLAS (AP)—A 24-year-old man, who said four years ago he wanted Russian citizenship, was questioned Friday to see whether he had any connection with the assassination of President Kennedy. He was identified as Lee Harvey Oswald of Fort Worth. He was pulled screaming and yelling from the Texas theatre in the Oak Cliff section of Dallas shortly after a Dallas policeman was shot to death. On Nov. 1, 1959, Oswald told the U.S. embassy in Moscow he had applied for a Soviet citizenship. He said he had been a tourist in Russia since Oct. 15 of that year. Oswald was reported to have a Russian wife. Oswald put up a wild fight in the theatre. Oswald worked in the building from which the shots were fired. His supervisor said he was there at noon.

Shocked Canadian Commons Adjourns Until Monday

OTTAWA (CP) — Reflecting the shock-stunned atmosphere of the entire capital, the House of Commons met in an awed silence Friday afternoon to pay tribute to President Kennedy, dead of an assassin's bullet in Dallas, Texas. At 2:50 p. m. a motion was moved by Mr. Pearson and seconded by Mr. Diefenbaker that the House adjourn until Monday out of respect. Normally on Fridays the Commons holds morning, afternoon and evening sittings to 10:30 p. m.

LEADERS CONFER

When the House began to assemble for the regular 2:30 p. m. start of the afternoon sitting, Mr. Pearson walked first to his seat, then rose and crossed the floor to speak to Mr. Diefenbaker. As Mr. Pearson returned to his desk, NDP Leader Douglas and Stanley Knowles (NDP-Winnipeg North centre) crossed to his side. At this point there had been no official word of the president's death. The MPs were echoing a question that was being asked in offices and hallways throughout the Parliament Buildings, in government offices and on streets everywhere in the city. Mr. Pearson had been speaking for about 30 seconds about his grief at the shooting when E. Benson, parliamentary secretary to Finance Minister (Continued on page 3, col. 4)

Condition Of Connolly Is Serious

DALLAS, Tex. (AP)—Governor John Connally of Texas, wounded by the sniper who assassinated President Kennedy, was described Friday afternoon as being in "very, very serious but not critical" condition. Julian Read, an aide to Connally, said Connally suffered three wounds — one in the right arm, one in the right leg and one in the back that pierced his body. Julian said Connally had been in surgery an hour and probably would be there for another hour.

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Newsman Eyewitness Tells Of Events As JFK Shot

Jack Bell, Associated Press White House correspondent, was in the fourth car behind President Kennedy's Friday when an assassin killed the president from ambush. Here is what Bell saw. By JACK BELL DALLAS (AP)—There was a loud bang as though a giant firecracker had exploded in the caverns between the tall buildings we were just leaving behind us. In quick succession there were two more loud reports. The ominous sound of these dismounted of the reporters' "pool" car the fleeing idea that some Texan was adding a bit of noise to the welcome Dallas had given John F. Kennedy. The reports sounded like rifle shots. The man in front of me screamed, "My God, they're shooting at the president!" Our driver braked the car sharply and we swung the doors open to leap out. Suddenly the procession, which had halted, shot forward again. At that instant a little tableau was enacted near a patch of velvet-green grass that swelled upward to a small park

above an underpass. We had been headed for the underpass. TRAINS CAMERA A man was seen pushing to the ground a woman dressed in a bright orange dress. He seemed to plunge protectively over her. A photographer, scrambling on all fours toward the crest of the rise, held a camera trained in their direction. As my eye swept the buildings to the right from which the shots—they really were shots and it seemed undeniable—might have come, I saw no significant sign of activity. (Continued on page 2, col. 3)



NEW PRESIDENT TAKES OATH OF OFFICE



MRS. KENNEDY RETURNS TO WASHINGTON



JACKIE KEEDES WITH HUSBAND'S BODY



THE LATE PRESIDENT KENNEDY



PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON