

New President Takes Over

Kennedy Funeral Monday; Oswald Denies Murder

Johnson Pledges Best Efforts As He Assumes Control Of Government



TARGETS FOR ASSASSIN—Car carrying President Kennedy and Texas Governor John Connally moves through streets of Dallas just before the assassin struck.

Mrs. Kennedy is in back seat with the President, at left side of car. Gov. Connally is central figure in car, just in front of the President.



President Johnson

WASHINGTON (AP)—Asking God's help, Lyndon B. Johnson gathered up the monumental problems of the presidency today as the nation and his family mourned John F. Kennedy, dead by an assassin's bullets.

"I will do my best—that's all I can do. I ask for your help and God's," said the new president, numb and haggard, after accompanying the slain chief executive's body back to Washington from Dallas.

A few hours after the slaying, Dallas police charged a 24-year-old man who professed love for Russia with murder and said he was the assassin. He was identified as Lee Harvey Oswald.

As arrangements were made for family, friends and dignitaries to view Kennedy's body at the White House today, Johnson set about getting advice on the troubles that abruptly were thrust into his hands.

He set up morning conferences with Secretary of State Dean Rusk and former President Dwight D. Eisenhower, who not many years ago had been to advise Johnson as then leader of the Democratic opposition in the Senate—some say the most able leader the Senate ever had.

Almost as soon as he arrived back in Washington Friday night, the 55-year-old Texan with a reputation as a tough political genius plunged into a family plot in a Brooklyn, N.Y., apartment where he asked for and got pledges of support in his days of trial ahead.

Johnson, who fought a losing fight against Kennedy for the Democratic presidential nomination in 1960, automatically became the 36th President of the United States the moment Kennedy's life ebbed away in the emergency room of a Dallas hospital.

Johnson was in the car behind Kennedy's when three bullets from a sniper ripped into the open presidential limousine, striking Kennedy in the head and throat and wounding Texas Gov. John Connally.

Johnson sprang from the President's face and he fell forward in the back seat of the car. Mrs. Kennedy, who had been riding with him, tried to lift his head, crying, "Oh, no!"

Half an hour later John F. Kennedy, 46, the first Roman Catholic and youngest man ever elected to the presidency, was dead.

It was stunning, almost unbelievable news that flashed around the country and to the far reaches of the world.

Expressions of grief, sorrow, surprise poured in from friends and acquaintances, from the Kremlin and from the Vatican.

For Johnson, the problems were just beginning.

By moving into the White House, he also assumed leadership of the West in the cold war—and faces the major question of whether Soviet Premier Khrushchev will stir up a new crisis to test the peace pact of the new American chief executive.

Judging from Johnson's public statements, no big change in foreign policy appeared likely, for he has strongly supported the Kennedy line.

Another problem is Congress where Kennedy's legislative program—the tax reduction bill and civil rights legislation—is stalled apparently for the rest of the year.

Johnson won his fame, however, by whipping and cajoling senators toward his way of thinking.

The consensus on Capitol Hill is that there will be no more battles in the halls of Congress this year.

Already worn and with tempers frayed after 11 months of first session, Congress is expected to close shop soon and go home until the next session in January.

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of the hospital for the sad journey to Washington.

Aboard the plane before take-off, with Mrs. Kennedy and his wife at his side, Johnson took the oath of office from U.S. District Judge Sarah T. Hughes.

Twenty-seven people, all there was room for, crowded into the gold-carpeted, presidential compartment of the big jet for the two-minute ceremony.

At Andrews Air Force Base, just outside the capital, a military guard of honor came to attention as the jet with the big American flag on its tail touched down and taxied into the glare of lights.

The coffin was lowered on an elevator platform, then carried to a cream-colored Navy ambulance.

Mrs. Kennedy, who came down the plane's steps with chin high, climbed in to accompany her husband's body on the ride to the hospital.

With two motorcycles riding escort, the ambulance sped away into the night.

Johnson, his wife at his side, then stepped off the plane. Looking wan and drawn, Johnson shook hands with government officials and congressional leaders, faced a battery of microphones that camera men asked the help of all Americans and God.

The big Army helicopter that had flown Kennedy so often to the White House, where Johnson held his wife's arm as they walked down the copter's ramp to the lawn.

He spoke briefly of Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara and McGeorge Bundy, special assistant to the President for national security affairs, who rode in the helicopter with him.

Then the party moved through the rose garden that Kennedy had always taken delight in and up to the executive mansion, looming white in the darkness with the Washington Monument right shaft in the distance behind them.

Then, while the others stood beneath the portico outside, Johnson walked alone into the French doors and into the White House.

During the flight from Dallas, the new First Family talked by

secret Service men who ringed the sprawling home then closed the gates.

The news of the assassination struck Washington with paralyzing impact.

The President's younger brother, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, was presiding over the Senate when word came. He hurried off the podium and the Senate recessed.

Supreme Court justices ended their deliberations.

Work stopped at government offices as everyone clustered around radios, television sets and news printers.

Slowly LaFayette Park across from the White House filled with people who stared solemnly at the executive mansion as the flag was lowered.

All the former surviving presidents, Eisenhower, Hoover and Truman, expressed their shock and grief.

Richard M. Nixon, the former vice president who lost to Kennedy in the 1960 presidential campaign, called Kennedy's assassination "a terrible tragedy for the nation."

No Flowers—WASHINGTON (AP)—The family of John F. Kennedy has asked that no flowers be sent for his services or to the White House.

An announcement issued by the White House Friday night said the family "asked that anyone wishing to do so donate an equivalent amount to charity."

After Surgery—CONNALLY IMPROVED

DALLAS, Tex. (AP)—Gov. John B. Connally was reported in satisfactory condition today after undergoing surgery for a bullet wound in his chest.

Connally was shot as he sat in the same open car as President Kennedy Friday in a motorcade through Dallas. A sniper's bullet killed Kennedy.

Connally underwent surgery for more than one hour. After awakening, he asked: "How's Nellie?" referring to his wife. He then asked: "How are the kids?" and went back to sleep.

Dr. Robert Shaw, his attending physician, described the governor as "mentally alert, his condition satisfactory and stable."

"I do not anticipate his getting worse," Shaw said.

Shaw said Connally had not been told of Kennedy's death.

Mrs. Connally, looking tired from the ordeal, was kept from visitors and newsmen. Only close relatives visited Mrs. Connally.

Her oldest son, John B. III, 16, came from Austin to be with her. The other children, Sharon, 13, and Mark, 10, stayed in Austin.

Secret Service agents talked briefly with Mrs. Connally in an attempt to reconstruct the crime.

Shaw said the bullet apparently struck Connally in the back, passed through his chest into his wrist and embedded in his thigh.

The bullet broke part of a rib into fragments and caused con-

Mrs. Kennedy With Husband During Ordeal

WASHINGTON (AP)—Mrs. Kennedy said goodbye to her husband with a kiss on his lips and then slipped her ring on his finger.

From then on—from the emergency room in the Dallas hospital through the sad flight home to the Naval hospital where he was prepared for burial until she brought him home in death to the White House early today—she was at his side.

As she passed through the somber portals of the executive mansion she still wore the pink suit stained with the blood of his fatal wounds, and carried her self with self control.

It was a harsh day and it left Mrs. Kennedy dazed and tearless, almost unable to show emotion.

Her husband had been shot as he sat beside her in a gaily received motorcade. She had held him, bleeding and mortally wounded, in a speeding dash to a hospital where he never regained consciousness.

In the hospital, she bade her handsome 46-year-old husband a goodbye that was so touching a witness, Rep. Henry B. Gonzalez, D-Tex., "couldn't bear to watch."

"Pray for him," Mrs. Kennedy asked a Roman Catholic priest who administered last rites to the President.

With the tragedy written in her face, Mrs. Kennedy stood beside Lyndon B. Johnson in a crowded compartment of the presidential plane as he took the oath of office to succeed her husband.

When a Texas police captain who watched the scene said, "God bless you, little lady, but (See MRS. KENNEDY page 5)

Weather Outlook

Flurries

Windy and turning colder this afternoon with showers, then snowflurries. Temperature dropping into the 40s this afternoon. Much colder with snow flurries and intervals of partial clearing tonight and Sunday. Local brief snowsqualls likely over hilly terrain. Low tonight in the mid 20s. Gusty southwest to west winds, 15-35, gradually diminishing Sunday.

Geneva temperatures today at 8 a.m.: 60; noon, 61; High during last 24 hours, 63; low, 45; precipitation, trace of rain; this month, 3.94; this year, 26.66. Sunrise tomorrow at 7:14 a.m.; sunset, 4:32 p.m.

The Funeral Plans

WASHINGTON (AP)—John F. Kennedy lies in death today in the White House from which he governed the nation.

Through the day, his family, his close friends and high officials of the government, including former President Dwight D. Eisenhower, were scheduled to view the body of the chief executive who was assassinated Friday in Dallas.

Sunday it will be borne by solemn cortege to the rotunda of the Capitol where for 24 hours it will lie in state, to be seen by the public.

Funeral services will be held at noon Monday at St. Matthew's Roman Catholic Cathedral with Richard Cardinal Cushing, Archbishop of Boston and a long-time friend of the Kennedy family, celebrating the Pontifical Requiem Mass.

The final resting place for the President, 46, gunned down as he rode in a motorcade, remained uncertain early today.

In the early morning hours, the flag-draped casket of the fallen President was brought to the White House.

A Navy ambulance carried the casket from the Bethesda Naval Hospital, in suburban Maryland, where the body had been taken upon its return from Dallas.

From 10 to 11 a.m., Kennedy's immediate family was to view the body in the East Room of the White House.

From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., the top officials of the government, led by President Johnson and including Speaker of the House John W. McCormack, D-Mass., and Chief Justice Earl Warren, were scheduled to arrive.

Eisenhower also was due to arrive at that time. Former President Herbert Hoover, 90, returned of the Capitol shortly after his arrival until 9 p.m. he would be unable to attend Sunday, and again from 9 p.m. to 11 a.m. Monday.

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Cabinet members, officials of the executive branch appointed by the President and close personal friends were to view the body from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

From 2 to 2:30 p.m., associates of the Supreme Court and members of the federal judiciary were scheduled to call. From 2:30 to 3 p.m., members of Congress and governors were expected, followed by the diplomatic corps from 3 to 6 p.m.

Sunday at 1 p.m., members of the family, Supreme Court Justices, members of Congress and foreign diplomats will accompany President Kennedy's body as it moves from the White House down Pennsylvania Avenue to the Capitol.

The public will be permitted come to file past the bier in the great rotunda of the Capitol shortly after his arrival until 9 p.m. he would be unable to attend Sunday, and again from 9 p.m. to 11 a.m. Monday.

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der of the President. Earlier in the evening he was charged with the unprovoked slaying of a policeman 50 minutes after the assassination.

City detective Ed Hicks, after intensive investigation of the slaying, drew this picture of the hour surrounding the tragedy:

Oswald was working on the fifth floor of the Texas book depository, the floor from which the shots were fired. A man working with him said: "Oswald, let's go see the President."

Oswald replied: "No, you go on down and send the elevator back up."

As Oswald left the building, he was stopped by Dallas police. Oswald told them he worked in the building and was going down to see what was going on.

In the Oak Cliff section of Dallas, four miles away, Oswald was seen 45 minutes later talking to a policeman, J. D. Tippett. A witness said that Oswald suddenly whipped out a pistol and shot the officer.

Shortly afterward, police received a tip that a suspicious-looking man had entered a car at West Jefferson Street, not far from where Tippett had been.

Officers surrounded the theater, and then entered. When they spotted Oswald near the rear, he pulled out his pistol and pulled the trigger. It failed to go off, and the officers jumped him.

In the scuffle that followed, one patrolman was cut on the face before Oswald was subdued. As they snapped the hand-

uffs on his wrists, Oswald was heard to say: "It's all over."

An angry crowd had gathered around the theater when the suspect was pulled out and put into a patrol wagon. When he was booked, officers noted that his height and weight—5 feet 7, 160 pounds—tallied with the description given of a man who was seen near the assassination area.

The intensive questioning began. A stream of wild guesses and officers filed into the crowded office where Oswald was held. Later his mother and his brother, Edward, carrying a tiny baby, entered.

When the dark-haired Oswald was escorted to a different office, he struck out with his jaw and threw back his head when he saw the photographers. He raised his mangled right hand and clenched his fist.

One officer described him as cool, defiant and arrogant.

Oswald's mother, who came from nearby Fort Worth, said, "I'm broken-hearted about this. He is really a good boy."

His wife, an attractive, petite blonde, speaks broken English. A Russian-language expert was summoned to interpret.

Oswald attracted attention four years ago when he announced in Fort Worth that he was going to Russia to live and would renounce his U.S. citizenship.

He went to the Soviet Union and lived there three years, during which time he married his wife. Then he applied for permission to return to the United States.

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After the plane returned the guard slowly paced the way up the drive, she followed the bronze casket as it was carried into the executive mansion. She was still wearing the pink suit with the blood from his wounds.

Also at the hospital were Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy, the late President's brother and chief adviser, and several close aides, said the assistant White House press secretary, Andrew Hatcher.

In Rome Pope John VI, who received the chief executive at an audience during his June visit to Italy, prayed for him.

Rep. Henry B. Gonzalez, D-Tex., reported Mrs. Kennedy's last goodbye to her husband lying in Dallas' Parkland Hospital.

She gave her husband a final kiss, Gonzalez said, and then slipped the ring from her finger and placed it on his.

Minutes later, Kennedy's bronze coffin was wheeled out

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