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President Assassinated In Dallas

NATION MOURNS KENNEDY; JOHNSON ASSUMES OFFICE

LBJ Vows To Do His Best

New President Asks Help Of People

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22 (AP)—President Lyndon B. Johnson took over the controls of government from the dead hand of John F. Kennedy Friday night with a pledge to do his best and a plea for the help of God and the American people.

Wan and solemn, Johnson broadcast a brief message to a shocked nation minutes after he flew in from Dallas, Tex. where an assassin's bullet killed Kennedy a little more than six hours before.

"I will do my best," Johnson said. "That is all I can do. I ask for your help, and God's."

Then, at the White House, the former vice president hurried into a series of conferences with military men, congressional leaders of both parties, and Kennedy administration experts on foreign policy.

A senator said Johnson asked and received assurances of support from men of both political faiths.

Later Johnson talked on the telephone with FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover about the great manhunt for Kennedy's assassin. He talked also, the White House said, with Texas Gov. John Connally's physician and learned that the governor's condition is good.

At 9:24 p.m., Johnson left the White House to motor to his residence in the fashionable Spring Valley section of northwest Washington.

Already he had swung quickly into the White House pattern. The new President set up a conference for 9:30 Saturday morning with Secretary of State Dean Rusk, Rusk and four other cabinet members swung their plane around in mid-Pacific en route to conferences in Japan, and hurried back toward Washington.

At 11:30 Saturday morning Johnson will confer with former President Dwight D. Eisenhower in a further extension of his bid for unity in a tragic hour for the nation.

During the flight from Dallas, Johnson put in a telephone call to Mrs. Rose Kennedy, the President's mother, at Hyannis Port, Mass., and then Mrs. Johnson talked with her.

An aide said Johnson told Mrs. Kennedy: "I wish to God that there was something I could do. I just wanted you to know that." And Mrs. Johnson told her, the aide said, that: "We feel like the heart has been cut out of us. Our love and our prayers are with you."

These bits of thoughtfulness came from a man upon whom had suddenly descended the full weight of the problems of a world in trouble.

For the moment, no major shifts in foreign or domestic policy appear likely. Johnson was an avowed supporter

Hatred-Preachers Reap Their Fruit

By WILLIAM R. MATHEWS
(An Editorial)

The hatred-preachers got their man.

They did not shoot him; they inspired the man or men who did it.

It was a carefully-planned assassination. The shooting was astoundingly accurate. It takes a good shot to plunk three bullets into the back of a rapidly moving automobile. Indeed, it looks as if there were three assassins who fired one shot each, because three bullets appear to have arrived simultaneously. It took planning to do this terrible job, and many more than one person must have comprised the group.

I am prone to make this statement because I was in Dallas last week at a meeting of men from all over Texas. I also attended a cocktail party. I was discouraged and alarmed at the violence of the hatred expressed not only against Jack Kennedy, but also Lyndon Johnson. The treatment that Adlai Stevenson got a few weeks ago in Dallas is worth remembering. That same hatred expressed itself violently, but not with any weapon.

Of course, this same hatred is present to some extent in Tucson, and still more in Phoenix. It thrives in California, but in Texas it is loud and widespread among all different classes of people. Yet in Dallas the top leadership of the community, including whites and Negroes, have carried on a most successful plan of integration, which included a steady increase in jobs for educated Negroes.

The assassination cut down, as he was growing into full bloom, one of the finest young men this nation ever produced. He was growing in his job. His future was bright. He was destined to be of tremendous influence far beyond his second term.

The haters and the name-smearers have reaped what they preached. Let us hope it will be a lesson to them, while the good citizens of both political parties and others mourn his passing. The name of John Kennedy will live in American history because he is a martyr to the finest American traditions. If anything, this murder will give an impetus to those ideals which President Kennedy made clear and frank. He has not died in vain.

The President is dead. The nation moves on. Long live the new President, Lyndon B. Johnson.



John Fitzgerald Kennedy

—Jack Sheaffer photo
As he appeared in Tucson during the last presidential campaign.



JOHNSON BECOMES PRESIDENT—Lyndon B. Johnson is sworn in as the 36th President of the United States in the cabin of the presidential plane as Mrs. Jacqueline

Kennedy stands at his side. Federal Judge Sarah T. Hughes administered the oath of office. At Johnson's right is his wife, Lady Bird. (AP Wirephoto)

Red Sympathizer Held As Slayer

DALLAS, Nov. 22 (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 head 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 a rested 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.

Last Rites Set For Kennedy

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22 (AP) — President Kennedy's body was returned to a shocked and sorrowing capital Friday night.

Saturday, Kennedy's body will lie in repose in the famed East Room of the White House while national dignitaries — ex-President Dwight Eisenhower among them — file by.

From noon Sunday until sometime Monday morning the body will lie in state beneath the towering dome of the U.S. capitol. Then it will be taken to St. Matthews Roman Catholic cathedral, a few blocks from the White House, where Richard Cardinal Cushing, archbishop of Boston, will celebrate a pontifical requiem mass at noon.

Another former President, Harry S. Truman, will come to Washington Sunday to pay his homage to Kennedy and his respects to the new chief executive.

But the third former president, Herbert Hoover, sent word to the White House he would be unable to come to Washington. Hoover is in his 80's and not in the best of health.

Assassination Shocks Three Ex-Presidents

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

The three living former presidents expressed shock and grief Friday at the death of President Kennedy by an assassin's bullet.

Harry S. Truman said at first he was too shaken to comment. Later he said, "I am shocked beyond words at the tragedy that has happened to our country and to President Kennedy's family today."

Herbert Hoover, president from 1928 to 1932, said, "He loved America and has given his life for his country."

Dwight D. Eisenhower, who preceded Kennedy in the White House, said in a statement, "I share the sense of shock and dismay that all Americans feel at the despicable act that resulted in the death of our nation's president."

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. Fritz said Oswald was a member of an organization known as "Fair Play for Cuba."

Nearly 12 hours after the assassination, Oswald formally was charged with murdering the President. However, Dallas police said that Oswald has not admitted taking any part in killing the President.

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. His special car—with the protective bubble down—was moving down 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 Gov. 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 near the Trade Mart.

Onlookers, terrified at the sight and sound of the assassination, dived face forward for protection onto a

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grassy park at the entrance of the underpass, fearing more shots. Police swarmed into the scene.

At the hospital emergency entrance, AP 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. It seemed clear that the assassination was carefully planned. In the Texas school book depository building, overlooking the overpass, officers found the rifle. They described it as a bolt-action, 6.5 mm. weapon, apparently of Italian make, with a telescopic sight.

Along with the rifle, partly hidden behind books on the fifth floor of the six-story building, were spent cartridges and scraps of fried chicken. The bullets had come from a 45-degree angle as the presidential car passed the building, which has a clear view of the underpass.

The shots were fired at 12:30 p.m. and the President died at 1 p.m. He was 46 and the youngest man ever elected president. Bob Jackson, a Dallas Times Herald photographer, said he looked around as he heard the shots and saw the rifle barrel disappearing into the upper floor window. He did not see the gunman.

Jacqueline Kennedy, who was touring the Lone Star State with her husband, sat just ahead of him in the big auto when a rifle slug ripped a gaping wound in the back of his head and sent him sprawling forward. Crying, "Oh, no," Mrs. Kennedy tried to cradle the dying President's blood-smeared head in her arms as Kennedy's Secret Service driver sped out of rifle range and toward the nearest hospital.

When the President was carried into the emergency room, Mrs. Kennedy walked behind — parts of her clothing drenched with blood. The First Lady remained composed but, inside the emergency room, grasped hands with the new President, Johnson, and his wife, Lady Bird, in a reflex display of deep anguish.

Shortly after Kennedy's death — "We never had any hope of saving his life," said one doctor — Johnson was driven to Dallas' Love Field where he boarded the presidential jet transport, Air Force One.

Before flying off to Washington to take up the reins of government, Johnson stood aboard the plane, his left

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