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KENNEDY SHOT DEAD

Gunned Down During Drive Through Dallas

N.Z.P.A.-A.A.P. DALLAS (Texas), November 22.

PRESIDENT KENNEDY was assassinated to-day. The President was shot as he drove through this Texas city in an open car. The Governor of Texas (Mr John Connally) was seriously wounded. The President died at 7 a.m. Saturday, New Zealand time. After the burst of gun-fire cut down the President, he was rushed to Parkland Hospital, where blood transfusions were given.

Priests were summoned to his bed-side for the last rites. The President was cradled in the shooting. Mrs Kennedy, as the President slumped

near a three-highway intersection close to the business area of the city. Within seconds of the shooting, Mr Kennedy slumped over in the back seat of the car, face down. Mr Connally lay on the floor of the rear seat.

Three bursts of gun-fire, apparently from automatic weapons, were heard.

Secret service men immediately unloading their automatic weapons and pistols. Mrs Kennedy and the Governor's wife, who was also in the car, both crouched over the feet of their husbands as the car sped towards the hospital.

Vice-President Lyndon Johnson, who now becomes President of the United States, was in the car immediately behind the President.

A White House medical officer said President Kennedy was shot in the right temple. "It was a simple matter of a bullet right through the head," he said.

The identity of the assassin or assassins was not immediately known but one growing man near the scene of the shooting was taken into custody.

A television reporter on the scene said he saw a rifle being withdrawn from a window on the fifth or sixth floor of an office building shortly after the shooting.

The Associated Press of America said authorities believed the fatal shots were fired by a white man.

The murder weapon was reported to be a 30-30 calibre rifle.

Mr Kennedy was 46. He went to Texas yesterday at the start of an intensive political tour.

Senator Ralph Yarborough, who was riding in the third car behind the President, told reporters: "It seemed to me that at least two of the shots came from our right rear."

Senator Yarborough was crying as he gave his eyewitness account. "You could tell something awful and tragic had happened."

"I could see a secret service man in the President's car wringing his hands in anger, anguish, and despair."

Dallas is considered to be a centre of conservative philosophy and finance. Here, on October 24, the United States Ambassador to the United Nations (Mr Adlai Stevenson) was spat upon by one heckler and struck by another after making a United Nations Day address.

immediately swung out of the line of travel and raced behind several motor-cycle police officers to hospital.

The President's body was carried from the hospital in a wooden coffin, U.P.I. reported.

Mrs Kennedy accompanied the body. About fifty uniformed policemen surrounded the area, driving back behind spectators surrounding the hospital.

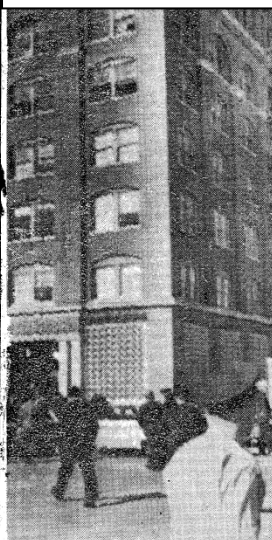
The coffin was placed in a white Cadillac hearse and the drapes were pulled.

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An arrow points to the window from which the assassin shot President Kennedy in Dallas today. —Radio Picture.

Traffic Jam

A tremendous traffic jam developed around Parkland Hospital.

White House officials stood sorrowfully, looking stunned, in corridors and in a waiting room.

N.B.C. television said police had taken possession of

a British .303 inch rifle a make sold in America as a hunting weapon. Reuter reported.

The rifle had a telescope sight and was found near a corner window of the building from which the shots were fired.

Three empty cartridge cases were in the rifle. N.B.C. radio reported that a car believed to be the getaway car of the assassin had been seized in Fort Worth, Texas.

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ENLIGHTENED AND FIRM ACTION WAS HIS MARK

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LONDON, November 22. ... was the first University and the World War II in the 6 and worked as a

POLICE have arrested a man employed at the building where a rifle was found after President Kennedy's assassination, British United Press reported.

The man, reported to be married to a Russian, shot dead a police officer as he was chased into a Dallas cinema.

Had Pistol

The Associated Press of America named the man as Lee H Oswald, aged 24. Oswald was armed with a pistol when he was finally overpowered.

After being questioned for two hours, Oswald denied any connection with the murder of President Kennedy or the policeman.

in the Oak Cliff section of Dallas, A.P. said. A large crowd had congregated around the theatre and saw the arrest.

Shot Dead

Oswald had been chased into the cinema by two police officers. The officers, J. Tippit and M. Macdonald, had received a tip that the President's assassin might have gone into the cinema.

Tippit was shot dead as he ran into the cinema, British United Press said.

him and his family exit permit to re-arr in America. Oswald was later identified as chairman of a fair play for Cuba committee.

Badly Hurt

The second man wounded in the assassination, Governor Connally, was reported to be in a serious condition as surgeons operated.

But doctors said his "vital signs were good." One eyewitness of the shooting said President and

Another eyewitness said that immediately after the shooting pistol he saw a policeman fall to the ground and ran toward where "Get down."

He went on: "A Negro man across the street picked up his little girl and ran away."

Best Seller

The book, praised by critics as an immediate best-seller and won the Pulitzer Prize as the best biography

covered the long, painful months he wrote "Profiles in Courage."

He entered politics in 1946, at the age of 28, as Democratic Congressman from the Massachusetts eleventh Congressional District.

After three terms in the House of Representatives, he decided to run for the Senate in 1962.

The increasing painfulness of a spinal injury sus-

ward-looking policies at home and abroad.

In his inaugural address in January, 1961, he appealed as President to his countrymen and to people everywhere to join in a "struggle against the common enemies of man: tyranny, poverty, disease, and war itself."

To this aim he pledged the energy of his Administration.

During the first one hundred days—a crucial period

peatedly called for an effective nuclear test ban treaty.

He had striven for a general disarmament treaty, and had given support to independent nations of Asia, Africa, and Latin America.

He proposed an alliance for progress—a 10-year programme for the co-operation of the countries of Latin America, adopted at Punta Arenas in 1961.

He had given official recognition to the cultural achievement by the appointment of scholars and other intellectuals to his Administration.

look full responsibility for all the Administration's decisions.

"Each man must decide for himself the course he will follow," he wrote in his book.

He did not change that stand.

The past, he said, "cannot supply courage itself. For this each man must look into his own soul."

Stop Press

He was the second of nine children born to Joseph P. Kennedy, who became wealthy through banking, investment and other business activities.

Roses in the Blood

DALLAS, Nov. 22. A yellow rose bouquet lay on the blood-spattered floor of President Kennedy's famous tub-toilet car after he was shot to death today, United Press International reported.

The bouquet had been presented to Mrs Kennedy earlier in the day

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