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Slain President's Body Rests in White House

Public Viewing Tomorrow in Capitol Rotunda

WASHINGTON (UPI)—John Fitzgerald Kennedy returned today in death to the White House, less than 15 hours after an assassin's bullets snuffed out his life in Dallas, Tex.

His sorrowing widow, still apparently numb from the tragedy, and other members of the family and close associates viewed the body first as the big bronze casket was opened in the East Room of the White House.

One hour was set aside for the family and intimates of the 35th President to file past the bier. Then high officials from Washington and around the country were being admitted. The public was barred from the White House.

The casket was draped with an American Flag and lay on a catafalque, or platform, draped in black. It was reported that the same catafalque, a century ago, held the casket bearing the body of Abraham Lincoln, the first of four presidents to be murdered while in office.

Brother Attends Widow

The President's oldest brother, Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy, was at the side of the widow of the President, as he had been much of the time since she arrived back in Washington last night with the body.

Reporters were permitted to view the somber-draped East Room, where the body was "in repose," for 15 minutes before the family arrived this morning. The casket was not opened, however, until Mrs. Kennedy and the others arrived.

Marked by Simplicity

The casket was simply decorated with one bouquet of white lilies and carnations. A candle burned at each corner.

On the wall behind the casket were portraits of George and Martha Washington.

The fireplace mantle was draped in black, as was the entrance to the East wing of the White House. So were guns in the lobby which leads to the East Room.

There was a large, walnut Crucifix with an ivory figure of Christ at the foot of the casket.

Hundreds View Return

A large gold-crested grand piano normally in the room had been moved to the lobby.

The body was brought to the

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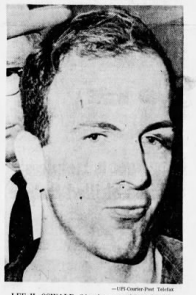
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, 1917-1963



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LEE H. OSWALD, 24, who was charged with assassination of President Kennedy. He also is charged with killing a Dallas policeman after the shooting of the President.

Charge 'Marxist' With Fatal Shots

DALLAS (UPI)—Pro-Communist rifle of the type used to kill the President and had it with him the night before the assassination.

"I believe we have the evidence to convict him," Wade said.

It was the second murder count brought against the ex-Marine in a hectic 39½ hours after the President was gunned down at

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Wade Calmly

Oswald, a Marxist and Castro sympathizer, ate a breakfast of oatmeal, apricots, bread and coffee and calmly awaited further questioning by police.

Manacled, his face cut and bruised, his trousers sullen, the 24-year-old political misfit and Marine reject was booked on a murder charge and jailed without bond.

"This is ridiculous," Oswald said.

Evidence to Convict

District Attorney Henry Wade said he had 11 witnesses to the assassination. He said investigators had learned from Oswald's Russian-born wife that he had a

Eyewitnesses

Scene Beyond Belief

DALLAS (UPI)—"We all saw him die," Mrs. Peggy Burney said.

But neither she nor the others who witnessed the assassination of the President could believe what they saw. They thought the first of three shots from the assassin's rifle was the backfire of a car.

President Kennedy's head snapped sideways from the impact of the fatal bullet, according to Motorcycle Pfc B. W. Hargis, an outrider in the presidential motorcade.

"I saw flesh flying after the shot, and the President's hair flew up," Hargis said. "I knew he was dead."

Four women employes of the Dallas News believe theirs "almost certainly were the last faces he noticed in the crowd."

They Both Smiled

They clapped and cheered when the President's car approached the vantage point where they had waited to see the motorcade, Mary E. Woodward wrote in her eyewitness account for the News.

"Both he and Mrs. Kennedy turned, and smiled and waved, directly at us," she said.

"After acknowledging our cheers, he faced forward again and suddenly there was a horrible, ear-shattering noise coming from behind us and a little to the right.

At least one person, a steamfitter, spotted the killer in a sixth floor window of nearby School-book Depository building.

Saw Assassin Fire

"I looked up and saw him," R. L. Brennan said. "The gun was sticking out of the window. I saw him fire a second time.

"He was a slender guy, a nice looking guy. He didn't seem to be in no hurry."

Bob Jackson, a photographer for the Dallas Times Herald, said he looked toward the building after the last shot was fired and saw two men peering up from a fifth floor window. He followed their stares in time to see a rifle being withdrawn from the window directly above, Jackson said.

Others in the disbelieving crowd

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Area Man Sees Kennedy Just Before the Shooting

Three Camden County residents were in Dallas yesterday during the tragic assassination of President Kennedy.

One, advertising executive Michael Berezowski of 69 Avondale ave., Haddon Township, stood four to five feet from the President a few moments before he was slain.

The others, Mr. and Mrs. William T. Fessler of Haddonfield were in a Dallas hotel at the time of the shooting and did not see the President.

The trio was completing business in the Texas city after attending a six-day convention there.

Berezowski' version of the tragedy was given to the Courier-Post

By DONALD L. DAVIDSON

in an exclusive interview upon his return home late last night.

About Four Feet Away

"I was four or five feet from the President's car as it passed me on the street yesterday, a few minutes before the shooting took place.

"I was standing near a corner about five or six blocks from the book building where the suspect lay in wait.

"I was so close, I remember the radiant smile on Jackie's face, the pink suit and the pillbox hat as the car passed.

"Right after that I went into a department store to shop for souvenirs for my family.

"Several minutes later word filtered through the store that Kennedy was shot.

Couldn't Believe It

"I couldn't believe it at first. Then I began to get butterflies in my stomach and muttered softly 'Oh, my God.'

"I immediately left the store and walked through the crowds. Rumors were flying across the street. A woman was sobbing. A man commented out loud: 'This will finish Dallas.'

"Police sirens were screaming in the background.

"I went back to the hotel then and contacted the Fesslers. A hotel runner circulated warning of the martial law being declared.

"The three of us decided to park immediately and leave early for the airport where we had a scheduled 5:30 p.m. flight to Philadelphia.

Hotel Flag Lowered

"We left the hotel in an airport limousine at about 1:45 p.m. At that time, the hotel flag was already lowered to half-staff and the city was noticeably grinding to a halt.

"It was as if a shroud of silence was slowly descending on Dallas.

"Our route to the airport took

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U.S. HOT AND COLD

NEW YORK (UPI)—The lowest temperature reported this morning to the U.S. Weather Bureau, excluding Alaska and Hawaii, was 4 below zero at Aberdeen, S.D. The highest reported yesterday was 86 at Brownsville, Tex.

Connally Operation Goes Well

DALLAS (UPI) — Gov. John Connally of Texas, out of danger today and recovering from the bullet of an assassin, may owe his life to the slow workings of a bolt-action Mauser military rifle.

Connally, who was President Kennedy's secretary of the Navy until he resigned in 1961 to run successfully for the governorship of Texas, still did not know today that the sniper who wounded him also killed the President.

Physicians at Parkland Memorial Hospital said they did not plan to tell Connally immediately.

On Jumpseat

When the shots were fired, the governor was sitting in a jumpseat of the big presidential limousine, opposite the President. Connally's wife, Nellie, was sitting on the other jumpseat, across from Mrs. Kennedy.

The President was shot first. A bullet smashed through his head. A sheriff's deputies who lined the route said there was a pause of several seconds before two quick shots followed the first.

In that short delay, the governor swiveled in bewilderment or horror toward the slumping President.

Saved Life

That movement saved his life.

"If he had not turned," said Tom Shires, chief of surgeons of the Southwest Medical Center, "the bullet would have gone through the middle of his back and probably would have punctured his heart."

As it was, the bullet tore downward from the collarbone through the right side of Connally's chest. It fragmented, smashing three ribs and puncturing his lung, then shattered his right wrist and

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65 Feared Dead in Ohio Blaze

NORWALK, Ohio (UPI) — Fire destroyed a rural rest home early today, and authorities said they believed 65 aged men and women perished in the wind-swept flames.

Sheriff Richard Andres said the Golden Age Nursing Home, 10 miles from here, carried 86 persons, all over 60 years of age, on its roster yesterday and only 21 had been accounted for.

Gov. James A. Rhodes and the state fire marshal flew here from Columbus to investigate the tragedy, the second disastrous rest home fire in the United States this week. On Monday, 26 persons perished in a fire at the Surfside Hotel in Atlantic City, N.J., a resort hotel used as a convalescent home in the off season.

Phone Wires Burned

The fire spread quickly through the 60-year-old building here, burning the telephone wires which

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President Shot By 2 Bullets

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Kennedy actually was shot twice yesterday by an assassin, it was learned today.

An authoritative White House source said one bullet entered Kennedy's head and another penetrated the "neck and chest."

The source said White House officials did not know until this morning about the second wound. Previously there had been some question whether Kennedy was hit once or twice. There was a wound in the back of his head and another in his throat.

Doctors who attended the late President in the hospital emergency ward at Dallas, Tex., had said it was difficult to determine whether the two wounds had been caused by two bullets or one.

But JFK Grinned

Early Rain Augured Ill On Dallas' Darkest Day

DALLAS (UPI)—It was a miserable morning for a speech. A chill rain whipped across the parking lot outside the Hotel Texas in Fort Worth.

The crowd of 5,000 hunched together. A bareheaded man plained, "though she looks better stepped up to a platform, no rain-coat against the wet, and a sigh of disappointment rose from the crowd. Where was Jackie?

President Kennedy grinned. He seemed in fine fettle at the start of his second day political swing through Texas' mayor cities.

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'IT TAKES her longer to get organized in the morning," he explained, "though she looks better to me do when she is finished."

It was here that he made the one hard-news statement of his trip. The United States, he said, would test next month the Saturn rocket booster that will put the United States "ahead of the Soviet Union" in the space race.

The President strode inside the hotel, shaking hands and smiling. He had been cheered the day before in San Antonio on his arrival, cheered in Houston that

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The Weather

Mostly cloudy and windy today with showers. Partial clearing and turning colder tonight with a few showers during the early evening hours.

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