

# PRESIDENT KENNEDY SLAIN

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**THE FIRST LADY**, Mrs. John F. Kennedy brushes back her hair during a pause for applause from a group of LULAC members at a banquet in Houston Thursday night. With the President standing behind her, the First Lady spoke to the group in their native Spanish. (UPI Telephoto)

### Boardman Project Back In Legislature Unsolved

SALEM (UPI) — Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton today tossed the Boardman project — its legality unsolved — back to the legislature.

He proposed a referendum or a court test.

The opinion arrived as the 12-day-old legislature sought to complete action on Boardman — its one remaining big problem — and adjourn. A salary-cutting bill also remained alive.

Thornton suggested the legislature might pass new legislation advancing the proposed space age industrial park — and then submit it to an immediate court test.

Thornton said the proposed legislation was of doubtful constitutionality. He said a "grave question exists."

He said the question centered on whether it was proper to use public money to subsidize industrial development, particularly for the benefit of a specific corporation.

Thornton renewed his suggestion that the matter be referred to the voters.

Otherwise, he said "if the bill passes when I suggest that the legislature pass a resolution directing this office to bring a test case immediately."

The proposed legislation would shift the project, and its financial obligations, from the State Land Board to the separately funded Veterans Affairs agency.

Thornton first suggested referring the question to the people.

The idea received little initial enthusiasm, either from legislators who like the Boardman project or those who don't. One senator said the complex plan for acquiring a 100,000-acre industrial park and leasing it to

the Boeing Company of Seattle was not the type of question that belonged on the ballot.

Politically, rumbles of anger continued over the discovery that the State Land Board has gone \$91,000 in the hole on Boardman already — beyond the \$900,000 it was authorized to spend.

The land board is headed by Gov. Mark Hatfield, the staunchest supporter of the Boardman project.

**Morgan Blasts Appling**

And Howard Morgan, a key Democratic figure in Oregon, termed it ironic that Secretary of State Howell Appling Jr., a member of the land board, appeared to be playing a two-faced role.

Morgan said Appling had condoned on the Land Board precisely the same type of illegal spending that, as state auditor, he had assailed the State Board of Higher Education for permitting in its system.

Behind the immediate legal questions and political issues lay the fact that the Boardman project is — to some unknown degree — a gamble.

Most legislators agreed that a chunk of land fronting the Columbia River in Northeastern Oregon was a good investment for the state — whether or not it lured in space age industry soon.

But the pertinent issues were how to approach the risk, whether to act with speed or caution, and how to fund the investment.

And, a group of legislators was highly critical of an already signed lease giving the Boeing Company use of the land for 77 years at 60 cents an acre a year.

The new Boardman problems were dumped into the lap of the legislature without warning last week by Hatfield. A number of lawmakers resented being asked, among other things, to ratify secret Boardman-Boeing negotiations without having the opportunity to give the legislation thoughtful and thorough consideration.

If the legislature failed to act, the Boeing lease would terminate next month.

The special session already has accomplished just what the governor requested when it convened. It has dealt with the \$60 million fiscal crisis caused by voter rejection of new taxes by approving a speed-up in withholding tax payments and cuts in agency spending, school aid and construction.

### Thornton's Power Shows At Special State Session

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Hatfield had pointed to a

method of allotment controls to meet demands of the voters Oct. 15 rejection of the legislature's tax increase.

But Thornton said Hatfield's plan was an unconstitutional transfer of legislative authority to the governor, and that the governor could not exercise selective cuts over agency budgets.

Faced with these opinions, legislators had to draft bills to meet guides set out by Thornton.

The role of attorney general is unique.

His opinion, although they do not carry the weight of a court decision, have tremendous impact.

If an attorney general does not choose to rule on a question lawmakers can proceed and let the courts decide constitutional issues if they are raised.

But if an attorney general does issue a ruling, the state is forced to accept his advice — or to move in opposition to such a finding would invite a court test.

And an attorney general would not be called upon to defend an arm of state government which had flouted his advice.

Thornton's opinions are scorned by Hatfield and Republicans — and many Democrats.

Thornton has emerged, through a peculiar chain of circumstances, as the major policy maker at the special session of the legislature.

#### The Weather

##### AIRPORT RECORDS

Cloudy with periods of rain and gusty south winds today through Saturday.

Highest temp. last 24 hours	54
Lowest temp. last 24 hours	39
Highest temp. any Nov. (55)	73
Lowest temp. any Nov. (55)	15
Precip. last 24 hours	.01
Normal Nov. precip.	4.46
Precip. from Sept. 1	9.40
Precip. from Nov. 1	5.93

Sunset tonight, 4:44 p.m.  
Sunrise tomorrow, 7:16 a.m.

### JFK Lauds Capability Of New Jet

FORTH WORTH, Tex. (UPI) — Before his shocking death today, President Kennedy today defended the controversial TFX fighter plane as a powerful force of freedom.

He said its true worth had been relatively overlooked in discussions of how the contract was awarded.

The President opened the second day of his whirlwind Texas tour with a breakfast speech to the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce. He also was to address a public rally in a parking lot then fly to Dallas and Austin for other speaking dates later in the day.

The TFX was a prime topic of conversation here where the TFX (Tactical Fighter Experimental) will be produced by General Dynamics, the company that won the \$6 billion contract over Boeing Aircraft.

After saying the TFX would "serve the forces of freedom in a manner no airplane on earth can match," the President in his prepared speech said, "there has been a good deal of discussion of the long and hard fought competition to win the TFX contract but relatively little discussion of what this revolutionary plane will be able to do."

Kennedy listed some of the advantages of the plane which has become the center of a congressional row and the spark for a far-reaching Senate investigation.

Because the same basic plane can be used by the Navy, as well as the Air Force, the TFX will save the taxpayers at least \$1 billion over the cost of building separate planes for these two services.

The TFX will be the first operational aircraft ever produced that can literally spread its wings in the air, fly short rugged airstrips and with a capability of carrying out missions of speed, as well as distance.

The President also pointed out that Australia, by purchasing \$125 million worth of TFX planes before they were off the drawing boards, "testified to the merit of this plane."

The Chief Executive, on a tour with strong political overtones, reminded the business men of Fort Worth that Texas — and this city in particular — was getting a major share of the defense dollar.

Kennedy said that Texas is fifth among all the states in prime military procurement contracts and second in the number of military personnel on active duty.

### Rocket Kills Nine Koreans

SEOUL, Korea (UPI) — Nine Koreans were killed and nine injured Thursday by a U.S. Army Honest John rocket while gathering scrap metal on a firing range, the Army announced today.

The Koreans, all villagers who lived near the range 30 miles north of Seoul, had been warned by the Army to leave the area before the firing. It was the largest toll from any firing range incident here.

Two Honest Johns were fired by an Army artillery unit. The Koreans rushed out to collect the scrap from the first warhead and were hit by the second.

The Army said the victims of the rocket were "trespassing without authority" when hit.

A spokesman said they apparently counted on a longer interval between the rockets. Ordinarily, they are fired at half hour intervals, but Thursday only a few minutes elapsed.

The villagers were spotted on the range about an hour before the firing and were warned to leave by leaflets dropped from a helicopter, the Army said.

But they hid in bushes and caves and were not seen in two later air searches, 30 and 35 minutes before the firing.

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# Assassin's Bullets End Life Of Nation's Leader, Wound Texas Governor



**JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY** ... nation's leader mourned

### Livestock Men Set Officer Elections, Hear Tax Problems

A panel discussion group brought Oregon's tax problems into critical focus this morning as the Western Oregon Livestock Association convention entered its second day at the Umpqua Hotel.

Convention officials said 180 delegates and wives have registered for the association's 28th annual session which is being hosted by the Douglas County Livestock Association and is attracting livestock men from throughout the western part of the state.

**Panel Staged**

Moderator for this morning's tax discussion was Dr. Grant Blanch, professor of agricultural economics at Oregon State University. Panelists included State Sen. Walter J. Pearson, a major critic of legislative budget handling and particularly of the General Fund budget increases which Oregon voters subsequently rejected in a statewide referendum.

The other participants were tax authorities George J. Anala, Portland, Oregon Tax Research manager, and Loren J. Smith, Corvallis, chairman of the Agriculture Tax Committee.

Another program highlight this morning was a talk by William Southworth, chief of the Animal Industries Division of the state Department of Agriculture. (See other story.)

The delegates were scheduled to get back to livestock matters this afternoon. Dr. J. C. Miller of Oregon State University was slated to open the afternoon program by discussing developments in animal science. John Northam, Creswell, was to give a report in connection with Oregon Beef Council activities.

**Other Reports Due**

Other reports were expected from Walter Shrock, Prineville, for the Oregon Cattlemen's Association; George Rugg, Heppner, for the Oregon Wool Growers Association; and Roger Dumdi, Yamhill, for the resolutions committee of the state livestock group.

Delegates were to elect new association officers in another afternoon activity. Convention fare tonight includes a social hour at 6:00, banquet at 7:00 and dance at 9:30.

Closing convention activity will be a 7:30 a.m. breakfast and executive board meeting at the Umpqua, with Myron Harper presiding.

Wives of delegates were feted at noon today with a luncheon and entertainment.

### Roseburg Man Dies In Wreck

Gordon Delbert Larson, 47, of 439 SE Leland St., Roseburg, was a victim of probable drowning after the pickup he was driving crashed through a guard rail on Highway 42 and went into the Middle Fork of the Coquille River early today.

State police from the Coquille office report that the Roseburg man, a mechanic for the S. A. Hutchins Construction Co., was alone at the time. His watch had stopped at 1:57, indicating the time the vehicle went into the water.

The accident was discovered about 5 a.m. today by four men driving along the road on their way to work. They saw the tail lights still glowing on the partially submerged pickup and investigated. Then they notified police at Coquille.

The accident took place 17 miles east of Coquille. Larson has been staying in the area while working with Hutchins Construction, which has a contract on highway improvement there.

Surviving are the wife of Roseburg and three children: Donald, stationed at the Air Force Base at Minot, N. D.; a daughter, Joyce, at Oregon State College, Florence; a Roseburg High student, and younger son, Dennis, the latter two at home.

### PANTIES PROPER

GLASGOW, Scotland (UPI) — Glasgow officials said today they had approved a request by policewomen that they be allowed to wear trousers during the winter.

By MERRIMAN SMITH  
UPI White House Reporter

DALLAS (UPI) — President Kennedy was assassinated today in a burst of gunfire in downtown Dallas. Texas Gov. John Connally was shot down with him.

The President, cradled in his wife's arms, had been rushed in his blood-spattered limousine to Parkland Hospital and taken to an emergency room. An urgent call went out for neurosurgeons and blood.

The President, 44 years old, was shot once in the head. Connally was hit in the chest and wrist.

Police found a foreign-made rifle. Sheriff's officers were questioning a young man picked up at the scene.

The President was conscious as he arrived at the hospital. Father Huber from Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church was called and administered the last rites of the church.

Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson, who now becomes President of the United States, was in a car behind the Kennedys and Connally.

He was to be sworn into office as soon as possible.

He rushed to the hospital and was whisked away by Secret Service men. His whereabouts were being kept secret.

**Hit in Right Temple**

President Kennedy was shot in the right temple.

"It was a simple matter of a bullet right through the head," said Dr. George Burkley, White House medical officer.

The shooting occurred as Kennedy and his wife, riding with Gov. Connally and Mrs. Connally, were riding in the White House "bubbletop" limousine through a crowd of 250,000 people in downtown Dallas.

As it neared the triple underpass leading toward the Trade Mart where Kennedy was to address a lunch, three bursts of gunfire sounded.

Kennedy died 30 minutes after the shot was fired.

Gov. Connally was reported in satisfactory condition.

### Johnson Takes Over

Traveling behind a police escort, with his wife, Lady Bird, Johnson headed under heavy guard for seclusion somewhere in midtown Dallas.

Presumably Johnson and his staff will go right to work on plans for taking a formal oath of office to succeed the slain President.

Kennedy lived for about an hour. Then came the official announcement that the President was dead — the fourth U. S. president to be slain in office.

Gov. Connally was reported in serious condition and in great pain.

"Take care of Nellis," his wife, he gasped to an aide.

As the deadly gunfire sounded, motorcycle police raced by the grassy knoll of a park near where a man and woman were huddled.

There was pandemonium. The President's car cut out of the

### Back Seat of Car, Face Down

Connally lay on the floor of the rear seat.

Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy was heard to scream as she reached for her husband.

Rear Adm. George Burley, USN, the White House physician, went to the emergency room where the President and Connally had been taken.

The President was in Texas on a two-day visit, one of whose purposes was to buck up Democratic presidential strength.

Both wives waited outside the emergency room of the hospital. Anxious members of the White House staff assembled.

The President had landed only a short time before at Dallas' Love Field and was driving to the trade mart to deliver a luncheon speech.

### Both Wives Waited Outside

The streets were lined by crowds, the biggest turnout of the Texas tour.

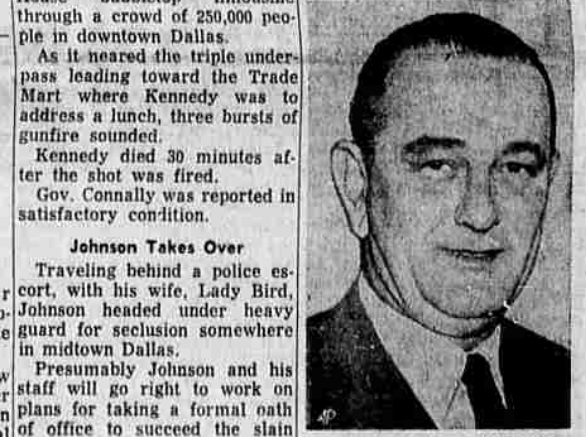
The motorcade was so strung out as the result of the speedy movement of the cavalcade that members of the Kennedy staff were 15 minutes to a half hour behind in reaching the Parkland Hospital.

Blood was spattered over the limousine, which had been flown in specially to carry the President. The driver was Secret Service man Bill Greet.

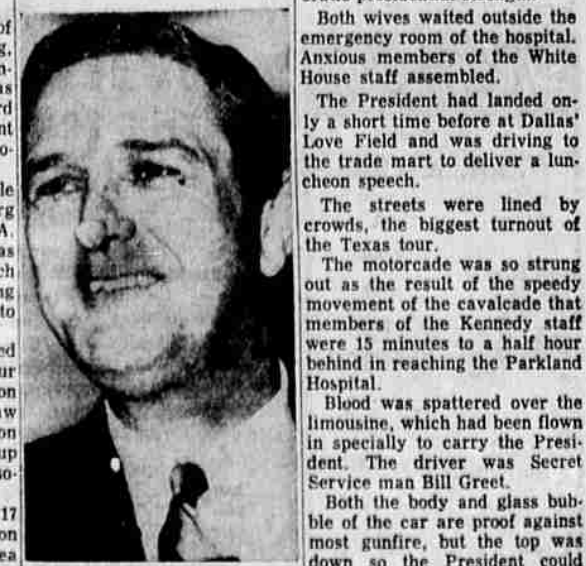
Both the body and glass bubble of the car are proof against most gunfire, but the top was down so the President could wave to the crowds.

### KING GETS AWARD

OSLO, Norway (UPI) — King Olav V was given the Norwegian Press Photographers Association's highest award — a small bronze statue named "Nice Boy" which is given annually to the celebrity who is most cooperative with photographers.



**LYNDON B. JOHNSON** ... assumes presidency



**JOHN CONNALLY** ... wounded by assassin