

'Fair Play for Cuba' chairman chief suspect

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KENNEDY DEAD

New tragedy must be told to children

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Caroline Kennedy, who observes her sixth birthday anniversary next Wednesday, and her brother John Jr., who observes his third Monday, were in the White House today when their father was assassinated in Dallas. It was believed that their mother, Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy, was faced with the task of telling them what had happened.

Once before this year, there was a family tragedy that the children had to be told about. It was the death of their infant brother, Patrick Bovier Kennedy, last Aug. 9, two days after he had been born.

The children had looked forward to the new baby in the family, and it was their father who took them aside one day and told them there would be none.

The children were in the care of their nurse, Maud Shaw, who has been with both since they were born.

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy and his sister, Eunice Shriver, and her husband, Sargent Shriver, went to the White House shortly after the President was assassinated. The senator and Mrs. Shriver saw the children at the White House, then flew to Cape Cod to be with their parents, former Ambassador and Mrs. Joseph P. Kennedy.

Caroline was to be the star at a big family birthday gathering with all her cousins at Cape Cod. All of the Kennedys were to have been together for their traditional Thanksgiving gathering at Hyannis Port Thursday.



ASSASSIN'S TARGET — John F. Kennedy, President of the United States who was killed by an assassin today in Texas, is pictured here on one of his visits to Oregon. The picture was taken by The Bulletin's photographer, Nate Bull.

Downtown area at standstill

News of assassination leaves Bend area in state of shock

Reaction to assassination:

NEW YORK (UPI) — Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower today called the assassination of President Kennedy a "despicable act."

The former president, in a statement issued from his suite at a hotel here, said: "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."

Barry shocked

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Sen. Barry F. Goldwater, R-Ariz., issued a statement from his Washington office today, declaring President Kennedy's assassination "shocking and dreadful."

Goldwater, who had been considered a potential rival of Kennedy's in next year's presidential election, learned of the chief executive's death in Chicago.

Later, his office issued this statement on the senator's behalf:

"It is both shocking and dreadful that a thing like this could happen in a free country. The President's death is a profound loss to the nation."

Goldwater learned of the assassination from a passerby at O'Hare Airport where he was travelling to Muncie, Ind., in his private plane. He expressed immediate shock and grief but otherwise remained silent.

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As news of the assassination of President Kennedy spread through Bend, small talk dried up, business came to a standstill, and there was little automobile traffic on the streets.

People gathered in small knots, at restaurants and taverns. Shoppers in stores with radios or television left business unfinished, and stood, dazed, listening to the news.

On the streets, there were no cheerful greetings.

"Is he still alive?" a man

asked at 11:30 a.m., as two friends approached on a usually busy corner.

"I don't know," one of the two answered. "He's at the hospital now... they're giving him a blood transfusion..."

"A priest is with him," a grim-faced woman bartender said as a newcomer joined the small group at the corner.

Businesses Deserted

A number of business places were practically deserted, as owners went home for radios or portable television sets.

At restaurants, customers left coffee untouched, and sat, grim-

aced, saying little. Some women were crying. Men's chins trembled, and the faces of some were contorted with grief.

In bars, there was no gaiety. Stools and chairs were all turned toward television sets. When news came of the President's death, many who had been dry faced, shed tears.

After the initial shock, people started discussing the political implications, without malice.

Mayor E. L. Nielsen expressed the feelings of several city officials: "I'm pretty stunned. I think he was a great president. I hope that Johnson is a good man — I'm sure he is — and that he will carry on."

At Bend's City Hall typewriters were silent. Employees in the front office were discussing the tragedy. Many were crowded around the radio in the City Police office.

Flags on federal and other buildings in Bend dropped to halfmast shortly before noon today, when word was received that the President was dead.

A requiem high mass for the President will be held at St. Francis Catholic Church in Bend Saturday morning at 8 o'clock. Father Stephen Murtagh announced at noon today. Youngsters of St. Francis Catholic Parish will sing.

When the first news of the assassination was received, telephone lines were jammed. At the local exchange, all outgoing calls were cut off between 10:45 and 11:09 a.m.

At noon today, no official notification had been made to the students at Bend High School, although the tragedy was the topic of general conversation.

Bulletin reporter recalls visit of Kennedys in 1959

By Phil F. Brogan
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President John F. Kennedy was no stranger to Central Oregon.

On a crisp autumn day, Nov. 7, 1959, he visited this part of the state, with Mrs. Kennedy. They attended the annual barbecue at Powell Butte that day, and Mrs. Kennedy found time to buy a home-made quilt.

From Powell Butte, with Web Loy as his driver, Kennedy, then a senator from Massachusetts and a candidate for president, came to Bend. There was a side trip up Pilot Butte, from the top of which the future president obtained a grand view of Central Oregon, from white Mt. Hood on the north, south over the Three Sisters.

Kennedy showed great interest in that part of Oregon he viewed from the top of the old

volcano, and recited for the group that gathered around him the story of the English admiral for whom Mt. Hood was named.

But the young senator did not do all the talking: He listened, and this writer sketched for the future president the volcanic story of the interior region.

On his busy schedule to Central Oregon that late autumn day, Kennedy took time out to attend a meeting at the Eagles' hall. Present was a crowd that jammed the hall to capacity.

On that visit to Central Oregon, the affable senator from Massachusetts who was to become the 35th president of the United States made many friends — friends who did not observe party lines when they went to the polls to name a President of the United States.

Body is returned to capital; Johnson becomes President after swearing-in on plane

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DALLAS (UPI) — President John Kennedy has been assassinated. A single shot through the right temple took the life of the 46-year-old chief executive. He was shot as he rode in an open car in downtown Dallas, waving and smiling to a crowd of 250,000. Vice President Lyndon Johnson—the nation's new President—was in the same cavalcade but a number of car lengths behind. He was not hurt.

Johnson was sworn in as President at 12:39 p.m. PST in the forward compartment of the presidential plane before leaving to fly back to Washington. The plane, marked Air Force 1, was the same aircraft that brought Kennedy to Dallas this morning.

Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy was riding in the same car with her husband. She was not hurt. She cradled her husband's head in her arms as he was sped, dying, to the hospital.

Kennedy was shot at approximately 10:30 a.m. PST and died at approximately 11 a.m. PST. He was the fourth U. S. President to be killed in office.

Beside Kennedy in the famous bubbletop limousine was Texas Gov. John B. Connally. He was shot in the chest. The governor was reported in serious condition and in great pain.

Mrs. Connally, also in the car, was unharmed.

The chief executive, first Roman Catholic President of the United States, in Dallas on a political mission for a second term, was smiling broadly as he rode through downtown streets.

Charles Brehmn, 38, Dallas, was standing in the big crowd at curbside about 15 feet away as the President's car approached.

"He was waving and the first shot hit him and then that awful look crossed his face," Brehmn said.

There were at least three bursts of gunfire.

Kennedy slumped over on the seat and Mrs. Kennedy screamed. Connally fell face forward to the floor.

Police charged up a grassy knoll into a nearby park. Secret Service men unlimbered automatic rifles and drew pistols. But it was too late.

Kennedy's and other limousines sped to the hospital while police and Secret Service agents fanned out looking for the killer or killers.

A German-made Mauser rifle was found on a fifth floor landing of an office building overlooking Main Street. One shell was still in the chamber; three had been fired.

Police received a quick tip that a man suspected as the assassin had entered the Texas Theater. Policeman J. D. Tippitt and M. N. MacDonald ran into a rear exit in pursuit. An usher told them a man in a brown shirt had entered the darkened movie house a few moments before.

They spotted their quarry. Tippitt fired a shot and the suspect returned the fire. Tippitt was hit and killed. MacDonald rushed at the suspect, who yelled "It's all over now." The two men fought in the seats, police reported, and MacDonald's

face was slashed before the man was subdued and seized. At Parkland Hospital, only physicians were reported in the emergency surgery room when Kennedy died.

Dr. Malcolm Perry, 34, said "there was an entrance wound below his Adam's apple. There was another wound in the back of his head."

Two of the 10 physicians in attendance said it was possible the same bullet caused both wounds. They said it was possible he was hit by two bullets, but they doubted it.

The President's throat was opened to relieve breathing. Blood and fluids were administered intravenously. Physicians labored to keep respiration at a life-sustaining level, but in vain.

Rides To Airport

Mrs. Kennedy rode from the hospital to the airport in the hearse. Her face showed red streaks.

At the airport stood the plane of the President of the United States. Lyndon Johnson had driven to the airport at about the same time.

He was sworn into office as President of the United States. The ceremony took place in the forward compartment of the

Suspect taken after he killed policeman

DALLAS (UPI) — Police today seized Lee H. Oswald, identified as chairman of a "Fair Play for Cuba Committee," as the prime suspect in the assassination of President Kennedy.

Police said Oswald, 24, was accused in the slaying of a Dallas policeman shortly after the shooting of the President.

Police Capt. Pat Gannaway said the suspect was an employe in the building where a rifle was found.

Gannaway said the suspect had visited Russia and was married to a Russian. This was not immediately confirmed.

presidential plane. Kennedy's body was on the same plane.

The Kennedys were to have flown on to the state capital at Austin later this afternoon and then gone to Johnson's LBJ Ranch nearby for an overnight stay and possibly some deer shooting Saturday. The White House had bought hunting licenses for the party.

A military transport plane carrying Secretary of State Dean Rusk and other Cabinet ministers to a meeting in Japan turned back between Honolulu and Tokyo upon receipt of the report of the assassination.

Also aboard the plane were Treasury Secretary Douglas Dillon, Commerce Secretary Luther Hodges and White House Press Secretary Pierre Salinger.

Sheriff's officers took a young man into custody at the scene and questioned him behind closed doors.

Saw Rifle in Window

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

Mrs. Kennedy, who had been a tremendous hit Thursday on the first day of the two-day visit, was seated just in front of her husband.

After the shot, her husband slumped over on the back seat and she screamed. The interior of the car was splattered with blood. Mrs. Kennedy took her husband's head in her arms and bent over him.

Mrs. Connally was kneeling over her husband who lay face down on the floor of the car. There was pandemonium among the Secret Service men and police motorcycle escorts. The assassin's bullets struck home so suddenly there was no chance for them to hurl themselves around the President.

Shortly after his arrival at the Parkland Hospital, Father Oscar Huber of Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church administered the last rites.

Mrs. Kennedy was at the hospital at the time.

Preparations were made almost immediately after the President's death to return his body to Washington.

The body was carried from the hospital in a wooden casket and placed in a white Cadillac hearse and the drapes were pulled. Mrs. Kennedy accompanied the body.

The Kennedy party arrived in Dallas on a short plane hop from nearby Carswell Air Force Base.

The shooting occurred close to their destination—the new Trade Mart where a bipartisan audience of 2,000 already had gathered to hear the President's address.

As the presidential car nosed through crowded Main Street, Kennedy sat on the right side of the back seat. Mrs. Kennedy was on his left. Connally faced the President in a jump seat. Mrs. Connally was in the jump seat facing Mrs. Kennedy.

The President was conscious as he arrived at the hospital. 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.

Kennedy lived for about 1/4 hour. Then came the official announcement that the President was dead — the fourth U. S. president to be slain in office.

Johnson left the hospital moments after he was informed of the President's death.

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