

Surgeon tells of efforts to save JFK, Oswald

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McALLEN, Tex. (UPI) — A young surgeon who operated both on President Kennedy and his accused assassin said today "it just happened to be me."

Dr. Malcolm Perry, 34, was vacationing today in the Rio Grande Valley after failing in the nearly impossible task of saving the two lives.

Perry said there never was a chance to save the President, but the team of surgeons nearly overcame the odds and saved Lee Harvey Oswald, suspected presidential assassin.

Oswald's bleeding had been controlled, Perry said, and a blood pressure restored to normal when his heart stopped beating.

"Everything was under con-

rol," he said, "we were very close to saving him."

Called From Lunch

Perry said he was called from his lunch to treat the President. He said his first impression was that Kennedy was a much larger man than he had expected. Perry performed surgery to aid Kennedy's breathing and massage his chest, hopeful of reviving the heartbeat.

"My initial impression was that he had a mortal wound," Perry said.

Dr. Jim Carrico, a first-year doctor at Dallas' Parkland Hospital, was praised by Perry for his work in the emergency room.

Perry said Carrico remembered from reading that Kennedy suffered an adrenal deficiency and should immediately

receive steroids. Carrico, without hesitation, administered hydro-cortisone.

(Steroids are a group of hormones designed to replace adrenalin gland deficiencies. Hydro-cortisone is the major hormone of the group. Persons with adrenal deficiencies tend to go into severe shock unless they receive steroid hormones, other medical sources said.)

Perry said he was "just a small part of an awful tragedy."

"It could have been any one of 50 doctors doing it," he said. "It just happened to be me."

"It is always a team effort. The enormity of it did not hit me until I was out of the operating room and was sitting down resting."

Perry also praised Dr. David Morbene, a surgeon who worked on painfully injured Texas Gov. John Connally across the hall. "He yelled 'Don't get excited. Remember, we do this kind of thing every day.'"

Perry said that when Oswald entered the hospital Sunday, about 48 hours after President Kennedy died, the work was more hopeful. Perry said he massaged Oswald's heart through a chest incision for 20 minutes after the suspected assassin died.

He said the bullet, fired by Jack Ruby, self-styled avenger, hit almost every vital organ in the 24-year-old man's body.

"We managed to control the bleeding, with some difficulty, after about 30 minutes. When we opened his abdomen we found three liters (more than three quarts) of blood."

During the 45 minutes the team of doctors worked on Oswald, both open chest massage and an electric shock mechanism were used to attempt to restore the heartbeat.

15th child born to Lake Grove pair Wednesday

PORTLAND (UPI) —Mrs. Rosemary Karberer, 42, gave birth Wednesday to her 15th child at St. Vincent Hospital here.

The new arrival was a girl, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.

Mrs. Karberer is the wife of Joseph T. Karberer, operator of Kal's Supermarket grocery in Lake Grove.

The family's new arrival makes a total of nine girls and six boys, ranging in age from the new arrival, one day, to 21 years.

Thirteen of the children were at home to hear the good news. One son was at Fort Bliss, Tex., where he serving in the Army.

Medford man feared drowned

CRESCENT CITY, Calif. (UPI) —Donald Roby, Medford, Ore., is believed to have drowned in the swift-flowing Smith River about 11 miles northeast of here Wednesday.

George Jennings of Crescent City told the Del Norte County sheriff's office a man who was fishing about three miles above the community of Hiouchi suddenly disappeared. Searchers found a fishing rod and a car registered to Roby.

Scuba divers were taken to the scene, but the water was too rough and muddy for them to enter. The search was scheduled to continue today.

Huge satellite hurled into orbit

CAPE CANAVERAL (UPI) —Space scientists watched with jubilation today the flashing orbit of a relatively worthless mass of metal—the sign of success for the hard-luck Centaur rocket.

The revolutionary hydrogen-fueled Centaur, nearly three years behind schedule, took a huge satellite into orbit Wednesday on its first successful performance.

The satellite itself, made up mostly of old rocket casing, will be visible as a white flash in the sky.

Ideal viewing times would be just after dusk or just before dawn.

The Centaur is the first U.S. rocket powered by liquid hydrogen and liquid oxygen, which generates 35 per cent more thrust per pound than the liquid oxygen-kerosene fuel used in Atlas rockets.

The next Centaur launch is expected in February or March.

HIT ONLY TRAIN
STAMFORD BRIDGE, England (UPI) —Truck driver Robert Pimm, 25, escaped injury Wednesday night when his truck crashed through crossing gates on a one-train-a-day railroad line near here and collided with the only train.

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Early meeting of Nikita, LJB 'not in cards'

WASHINGTON (UPI) —A "get acquainted" meeting between President Johnson and Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev is not in the cards in the foreseeable future, administration officials said today.

Barring a flaming crisis which might force a personal confrontation, the new President is expected to shy away from any meeting with the Russian leader for some time.

The view in high official circles here is that the Soviet Union most probably will avoid undue provocations until Russian leaders have a better idea of how Johnson will react under pressure.

Johnson's first ventures into the field of personal diplomacy, as presently planned, will be his meetings shortly after the new year with British, West German and French leaders.

Summit Conference Possible
There is a possibility, U.S. officials said, of a "Western summit" conference early in the year. However, such a ses-

Most of nation has sunny skies

By United Press International
Sunny skies and above normal temperatures blanketed most of the nation for the Thanksgiving Day holiday.

The Weather Bureau said precipitation would be limited to Southeastern Texas and the lower Mississippi Valley this evening. The mercury was expected to shoot high above normal in the Ohio Valley and central Atlantic states.

Freezing temperatures covered the northern half of the country Wednesday night from upstate New York across into Minnesota and into the northern Rockies.

A few heavy thunderstorms hit Texas, with Palacios, Tex., reporting 1.48 inches of rain in six hours.

Freezing temperatures might prove awkward since French President Charles de Gaulle differs sharply with the other Allies on nuclear defense strategy and some phases of European political theory.

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TONIGHT'S PROGRAMS

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