

## Assassination coverage seen as a triumph under pressure

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To honor their public trust and rally a shaken people in the dark hours after the slaying of President Kennedy, the nation's newspapers mobilized resources in a manner unmatched for a generation.

It was a triumph of nerve under pressure, of professional writers recording in straight, terse sentences the assassination of a president. It was a triumph of fast editorial decisions, of sure-handed presswork, of speeding delivery trucks racing the news to the streets.

"We can all take pride in how we performed," said Lloyd Wendt, editor of Chicago's American.

Don Codispoti, copy editor of the McKeesport (Pa.) Daily News, who has been in the newspaper business for 17 years, said: "It was the first time I ever heard anybody yell 'Stop the presses!'"

**Special Editions**  
And the presses did stop across the nation when that shot rang out in Dallas. Then they roared again, grinding out special editions after special editions: The President is dead.

Newsboys hawked extras from Long Island to San Diego. There was an eager hand for every copy.

Many editorial and mechanical employees worked virtually around the clock. Type was set, then discarded before it could be smeared with a drop of ink. Advertising and standing features were pushed aside to make way in what Stewart MacDonal, manager of the American Newspaper Publishers Association Information Service described as a "tremendous public service."

J. Paul Austin, president of the Coca Cola Co., said the world is indebted to the nation's newspapers "for your fantastic accomplishment which will, without doubt, be credited with helping to keep our nation unified through enlightenment in what was a time of crisis and what might have been a time of public panic."

William German, news editor of the San Francisco Chronicle, said, "the nagging question was what our role was, since everybody had seen the news on television...we needed things with thought behind them."

It was a question to which editors across the land were finding many answers.

**Problem Compounded**  
At the Elyria (Ohio) Chronicle Telegram the problem was compounded by a major disaster at nearby Norwalk, where 63 persons died in a fire. The Chronicle Telegram threw out three pages of regular features to make room for the two great stories.

Cartoonist Bill Mauldin of the Chicago Sun-Times met a different kind of challenge. With only an hour before an engraving deadline, Mauldin completed a drawing of a grieving President Lincoln which was reprinted as far away as Moscow. His original is being framed for presentation to Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy, at her request.

Paul Schoenstein of the New York Journal-American said his key staffers had "an almost sleepless siege from the time the flash came in on the shoot-

ing until the time of the funeral and burial."

Homer Jenks, managing editor of the Boston Traveler in President Kennedy's home town, said that when the assassination flash came, two editions already were on the street. At 2:23 p.m. the presses started with the assassination story and ran continuously until 5:45 p.m. except for stops to insert fresh material. More than 100,000 extra copies were sold, and on one downtown street corner alone, 7,000 copies were sold. Jenks said that on the day of the funeral, the Traveler threw out its women's and feature pages to make room for complete coverage.

Thomas Winship, managing editor of the Boston Globe, said, "we heaved out the comics for three days and got half a dozen complaints. We heaved out all society news for two days."

In Dallas itself, the Morning News set more type in a shorter period of time than ever before in its history but there were few typographical errors. For the first time the Morning News used an eight-column picture on its front page.

All but 70,000 copies of the 385,000 press run at the Garden City, L. I., N. Y., Newsday had been run off when the flash reached the news rooms. The staff immediately began work on an eight-page extra without advertising, which was delivered free to all subscribers.

**Memorial Sections**  
The Milwaukee Journal and the Minneapolis Star and Tribune each began preparing special memorial sections on the martyred President which were delivered during the weekend. The Houston Chronicle prepared a special four page section on President Johnson for distribution Nov. 24.

Managing editor Herb Kamm said the New York World-Telegram and Sun "had the longest press run in our history on Friday (Nov. 22)." It began at the time of the shooting and presses didn't stop until 6:30 p.m. The New York Times, normally a fat two pounds of reading matter, saw its Sunday news section dwindle from 136 pages to 26 due to advertising cancellations, but it devoted 12 full pages to the Kennedy story.

Many publishers limited Sunday press runs to the number of supplement copies which had been printed, but in Chicago extra copies were distributed without color comics and color rotogravure magazines to fill the demand for news.

David Starr, managing editor of the Long Island Press, said, just checking the Sunday (Nov. 24) edition was "a tremendous operation because we eliminated every bit of light, frothy material, material in bad taste, and unkind references to the Kennedys in syndicated columns."

**PLEADS GUILTY**  
OREGON CITY (UPI)—Donald Douglas, 20, Eagle Creek, pleaded guilty in Circuit Court here Tuesday to a charge of second degree murder.

Circuit Judge P. K. Hammond ordered a pre-sentence investigation after the plea was made to the reduced charge.

Douglas was indicted on a charge of first degree murder for the death of Patrick Morrison, 43, Estacada, Sept. 28.

Morrison's body was found in the Mt. Scott area near here Oct. 7.

and the like." In their spare moments, employees of the Beaumont (Tex.) Enterprise Journal began making up packages containing copies of all editions from Nov. 22 through Nov. 25 for subscribers who wanted them as mementoes.

**Circulation Records Broken**  
Circulation records were broken in many cities. At San Francisco, the News Call Bulletin sold 315,004 copies Nov. 22—127,744 above normal, and 56,000 more than the previous record of May 2, 1960, when kidnap-artist Caryl Chessman was executed.

The Chicago Tribune sold more than 650,000 additional copies of its Nov. 23-25 editions. The Los Angeles Times printed half a million extra copies during the weekend and sold virtually all of them.

The San Diego (Calif.) Tribune listed sales of 174,103 for Nov. 22, nearly 57,000 above normal and breaking the record of 141,405 set Feb. 20 after John Glenn's space flight. The newspaper published three extra editions Nov. 22.

The Washington Star published an extra Nov. 22. "The first I can remember since Franklin D. Roosevelt's death," said James Cassidy, word editor.

David Rimmel, night managing editor of the Cleveland (Ohio) Plain Dealer, said, "we put out our first extra since Pearl Harbor."

The Fort Worth (Tex.) Press published its first Saturday edition in "many, many years" and its first morning paper ever. The Fort Worth Star-Telegram ran one extra Nov. 22 and another Nov. 24. The San Antonio (Tex.) Light ran seven extra editions Nov. 22. The El Paso (Tex.) Herald Post ran two extras, one Nov. 22 and the second Nov. 23.

**Bureaus Bolstered**  
The Chicago Daily News bolstered its Washington bureau with a vacationing staffer and another on leave of absence to attend Columbia University.

Stan Opatowsky, assistant managing editor of the New York Post, just happened to be in Washington, at the time of the shooting and took charge of the newspaper's bureau operations there.

Harvey Patton of the Detroit News said "no page was sacred" when it came to making room for the Kennedy story.

Al Friendly, managing editor of the Washington Post, said, that despite a drop of 28 pages in the Nov. 24 edition due to cancelled advertising, the newspaper carried about six more pages of news.

**Greater News Content**  
Sam Bornstein, managing editor of the Boston Sunday advertiser, said, "we opened the paper up to almost double its normal news content."

Charles Dameron, news editor of the Dallas Times Herald, said, "we threw out about 25 or 30 columns of live news about the Kennedy visit to Texas by the time we hit the streets with our last edition Friday (Nov. 22) afternoon."

The Washington Daily News had its presses rolling when the President was shot. "We stopped the press when the Unit-Press International flash came through and junked about 7,000 from that run. Then we reprinted six or seven times and again stopped the press for the death," Managing Editor Richard Hollander said.

## Air Force doubts damage to 61 planes was sabotage

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Air Force said today that damage inflicted on 61 jet training planes at an Arizona air base probably was the work of a disgruntled civilian employe or serviceman rather than an international saboteur.

"This is the sort of thing that happens from time to time," an Air Force spokesman said. "Some guy gets unhappy and goes and does some damage."

The spokesman speculated that a foreign agent would not have damaged the planes in such an "obvious" way.

The Defense Department said Tuesday that the T38 jet trainers were found to have electrical wires cut between the power system and the gears. The wires run along the outside of the planes and the damage was not difficult to detect, a spokesman said. All of the aircraft were stationed at Williams Air Force Base, Ariz.

After the sabotage report was made public, Rep. Leslie C. Arends, R-Ill., said he would ask the House Armed Services Committee to check the security at all Air Force bases. Arends, the ranking GOP member of the committee, termed the Air Force revelations "shocking."

The planes were grounded but officials said the sabotage was not considered dangerous. Under ordinary conditions, officials said the damage would have been discovered before the planes were used in flight.

According to reports from Williams, the sabotage was discovered by ground crews on a routine check.

In a brief speech to the House, Arends said the incident

would never have taken place if the proper security precautions were followed.

He said the sabotaging of a single military plane at a U.S. air base would be hard to understand. "To have 61 planes sabotaged is incomprehensible and inexcusable," he said.

The FBI was called in to investigate the incident, but as yet there have been no arrests.

## Vatican denies patriarch snub

VATICAN CITY (UPI)—The Vatican announced today "there is no foundation to reports" that Pope Paul VI has notified Greek Orthodox Patriarch Athenagoras that it will be impossible for them to meet during the Pope's flying trip to Palestine next month.

An announcement issued by the Vatican Secretariat of State said Father Pierre Duprey, whose recent trip to Istanbul apparently inspired the reports, actually went there to explain the Pope's trip to the patriarch.

Reports from Istanbul said Father Duprey handed Athenagoras a papal letter approving the idea of such a meeting.

Vatican sources said the Pope is making every effort to prevent his pilgrimage from taking on an "official" character.

The sources said the pontiff would welcome informal meetings with other Christian leaders in the Holy Land, although he does not favor a religious "summit meeting."

## Government gives rebellious miners in Bolivia 48 hour ultimatum to free seventeen hostages

LA PAZ, Bolivia (UPI)—Terorists attacked the home of Bolivia's labor minister with dynamite and bullets today shortly after the government gave rebellious tin miners a 48-hour ultimatum to release 17 hostages, including four Americans, or face military action.

A stick of dynamite, commonly used in mining operations, was thrown on the doorstep of Labor Minister Anibal Aguilar Penarrieta at dawn and two shots were fired into the house.

The minister, brandishing a sub-machinegun, ran into the street in his pajamas to return the fire, but the assailants fled in an automobile. No one was injured, and damage from the attack was minor.

The government's tough warning to the rebel miners was issued by Defense Minister Gen. Luis Bidagain.

Foreign Minister Jose Velarde said, meanwhile, the government appreciated a U.S. aid offer but did not need help—"neither arms or munitions and much less, personnel."

However, threat of an imminent armed clash between the army and the rebellious miners dissipated somewhat with announcement of a "truce" between the opposing factions.

**Troops Are Withdrawn**  
The army command at Oruro, where the government was massing troops, said forces sent out to cut off the rebel elements at Catavi, where the hostages are being held, had been withdrawn. In exchange, rebellious miners called off a "show of strength" among peasant supporters in

the Bolivian highlands and agreed to resume work at unaffected mines.

The rebels seized the hostages, including the Americans, last Friday to force the government to release three Communist labor leaders being held on murder and fraud charges in La Paz.

Correspondents who were allowed to visit the hostages in nearby Catavi found them in good spirits and generally well treated despite some discomfort and the unmistakable danger of their situation.

The Americans, with a Dutchman and a German, have been held since Friday in a 12-by-18-foot room in a mine-union library in Catavi. They sleep two or three to a mattress on mattresses thrown on the floor.

Their captors apparently are feeding them well—dinner Tuesday night consisted of soup,

steak with mashed potatoes, salad and coffee — and they have chessmen, checkers and playing cards to help pass the time.

**Miners Stand Guard**  
Eight miners armed with rifles stand guard outside the door.

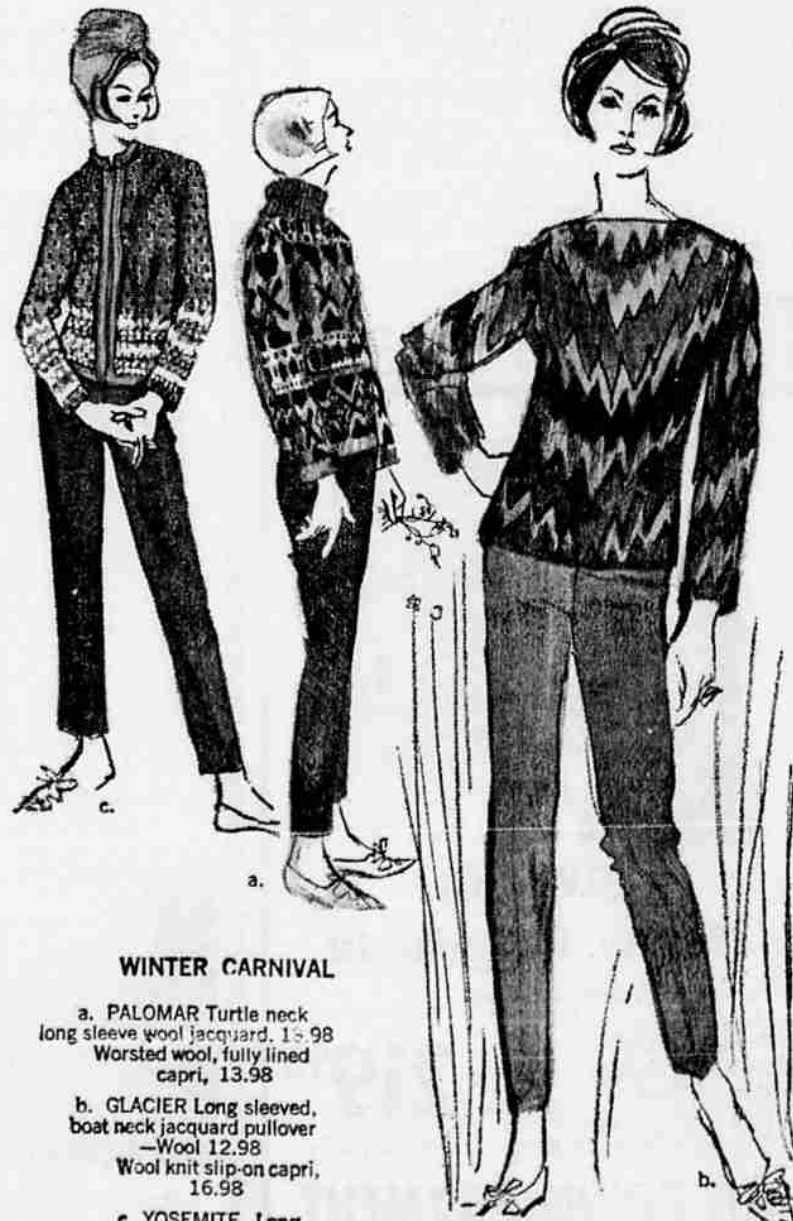
Vice President Juan Lechin, boss of the tin miners' union and author of the current crisis in Bolivia, told a 2½ hour press conference in Catavi that the foreign hostages must be kept in close confinement to protect them against miners infuriated by the movement of government troops to Oruro.

Sixteen Bolivians seized as hostages are being held separately from the foreigners. Three Canadians in Catavi are not in confinement, but they have been ordered not to leave town.

**EVERTS HONORED**  
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