

FORECAST: Periods of rain, occasional gusty winds and some brief clearing today. Rain Monday morning. High today 48-55. Low tonight 38. High Monday 45.

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KENNEDY TO BE BURIED IN ARLINGTON

Dallas Officers: Certain Oswald Killed President

Suspect Maintains He Is Innocent

DALLAS (UPI) — Police said Saturday they have an airtight case against pro-Castro Marxist Lee Harvey Oswald as the assassin of President Kennedy, including photos of him holding the rifle.

Police were reported showing the photos to the sullen, 24-year-old ex-Marine from suburban Irving, Tex., who has steadfastly maintained his innocence and has also denied slaying a Dallas policeman.

The photos, police said, show him with both the rifle used to kill President Kennedy and the pistol used to kill pursuing Patrolman J. D. Tippitt shortly after the assassination.

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Looked Frightened

When he was brought down from a cell in City Jail to a room where he was shown the photos, Oswald was the picture of confidence, smiling and loudly complaining about prison treatment. When he was taken back up to his cell he looked frightened.

"Yes, we have a picture of him with the rifle and with the pistol," Fritz said.

Police were reported having shown him several photographs.

Police Chief Jesse Curry wove police evidence tighter around Oswald. He said the FBI reported that Oswald bought the Italian 6.5 Carcano bolt-action rifle with a telescopic sight from a Chicago mail order house for \$12.78.

The handwriting on the mail order was Oswald's, Curry said.

The photographs were found at Oswald's home in Irving. They showed him with the pistol strapped around his waist, holding the rifle in his hand.

Behind him could be seen two periodicals. One had the headline, "Be Militant." The other had a line reading "The Worker."

The pictures were believed to be transparencies.

Dusty Floor

Police said the rifle, found in a dusty sixth floor room of the Texas schoolbook depository building about 100 yards from the spot where Kennedy was slain, had been ordered sent to a Dallas post office box.

The weapon was now in Washington and being tested. Police said they were sure it was the assassination weapon. Three shots were fired at the President and Gov. John B. Connally who was wounded.

Three spent shells were found by the rifle.

"We have no final ballistics report, but we understand it will be favorable," Chief Curry said.

Oswald shouted that his rights were being violated. He demanded either New York Attorney John Abt, who has defended the Communist party, or aid from the American Civil Liberties Union. He has not had an attorney since his arrest less than two hours after the assassination.

Police continued questioning Oswald into the night.

Once Threatened

When newsmen asked him if he aimed at Connally, whom he once had threatened, he said: "Look, I don't know what you people are talking about. I have not committed any act of violence."

"I have nothing against anybody."

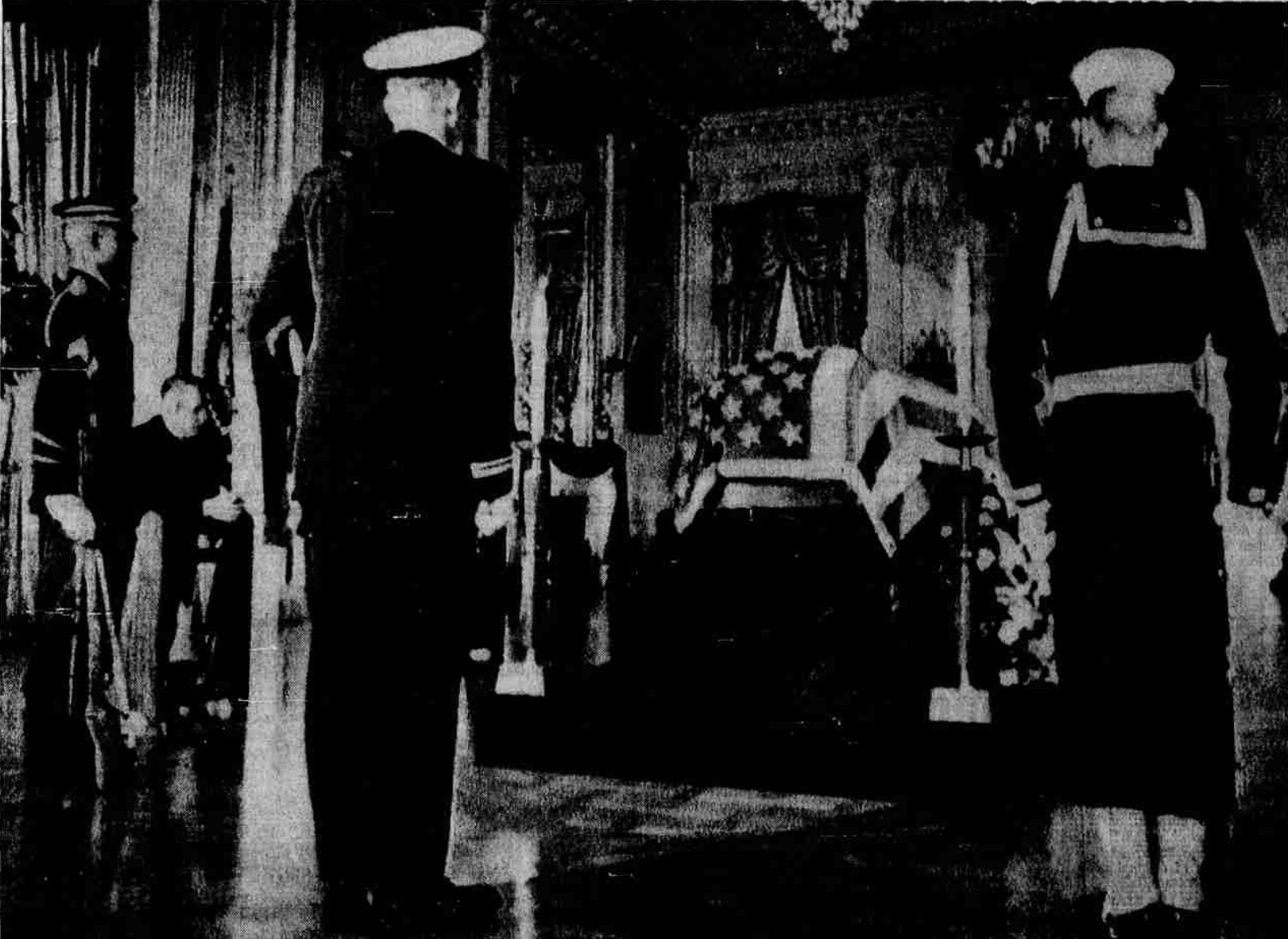
Police said they had all the evidence they need to prove in court that Oswald was the fourth presidential assassin in U. S. history.

They said he had no accomplices, though they continued to question several men, apparently in connection with the 24-year-old ex-Marine's movements before and after a sniper fired two bullets into President Kennedy from ambush in downtown Dallas.

"The case is cinched," said Homicide Chief Capt. Will Fritz, one of the most respected police officers in Texas.

Sure of Case

"There was a new development in the case since this morning," he said, "but I am not in a position to reveal it. However, we are sure of our case."



KNEELS TO PRAY—A priest kneels to pray at the flag-covered casket of the late President of the United States, John F. Kennedy Saturday. Coffin was under honor guard in the White House. (UPI)



JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY

(UPI)



LYNDON BAINES JOHNSON

(UPI)

Johnson Proclaims Day of Mourning

WASHINGTON (UPI) — John Fitzgerald Kennedy, mourned by high and low alike, will be given a hero's burial Monday in Arlington National Cemetery following a Pontifical Requiem Mass at noon.

In an official proclamation, one of his first acts as President, Lyndon B. Johnson declared Monday a day of national mourning for his predecessor, felled by a sniper's bullets in an act that "outrages decent men."

The new President also appealed to the American people to assemble in their churches Monday for prayer, and invited all people anywhere who share this nation's grief to join in the day of mourning.

A little later the White House announced that the family of the slain President had decided on interment in the military cemetery in Virginia just across the Potomac River from the nation's capital.

President Slates Major Address Before Congress

WASHINGTON (UPI) President Johnson, briskly taking command in a hectic day of crisis, Saturday scheduled a major policy speech before a joint session of Congress on Wednesday.

The White House announced this after the new chief executive won pledges of unity and support from the nation's top government, business and labor leaders during the troubled weeks ahead.

The assurances were received by telephone and at Johnson's first Cabinet meeting at the White House. The half-hour Cabinet session came a little more than 24 hours after an assassin's bullet felled his predecessor, John F. Kennedy, in Dallas, Tex.

Momentous Day At the end of the most momentous day in Johnson's 55 years, the White House announced he would address the House and Senate at 12:30 p.m. (EST) on Wednesday.

Informed sources said Johnson would spend most of Tuesday reviewing policy papers and conferring with some of the allied chiefs of state who will remain in Washington after Kennedy's funeral on Monday.

The dignitaries will include French President Charles de Gaulle, British Prime Minister Sir Alec Douglas-Home, West German Chancellor Ludwig Erhard and others from around the world.

The White House said it could not report at this time which leaders would see Johnson.

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Jackson County Mourns; Schools, Firms Close

Monday will be a day of mourning throughout Medford and Jackson county as local citizens join those of the memory of President John F. Kennedy.

Flags throughout Medford and Jackson county were lowered to half mast Friday when news of the assassination reached Southern Oregon.

Some businesses and a few schools were closed immediately but the majority of public servants and business leaders,

stunned by the report of the President's death, awaited an official directive setting the period of mourning.

All Medford churches were opened Friday and will remain open through Monday to enable persons to enter and offer prayers, as individuals, as well as in the regular services, John Heberling, president of the Medford Ministerial Association, announced.

A solemn requiem mass will be conducted at Sacred Heart Catholic church Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and Monday at 10 a.m. by

the Very Rev. Father Carl Mai. All post offices will be closed. There will be no window service and no delivery of mail Monday, Al Bradford, acting Medford postmaster, was informed.

Closure of all Jackson County schools was announced by Alf B. Mekvold, superintendent, with this statement: "In order to put into effect the proclamations of President Lyndon Johnson and Gov. Mark O. Hatfield that Monday be observed as a day of mourning; and the rec-

ommendation of Dr. Leon Mear, state superintendent of public instruction, that all schools be closed, all schools in Jackson county will be closed Monday, Nov. 25. Classes will be resumed Tuesday, Nov. 26.

Medford retail stores will be closed Monday in keeping with the recommendation of Ray Johnson, chairman of the Medford Chamber of Commerce Retail Merchants committee.

A proclamation was issued by Medford Mayor Jimmy Dunlevy, declaring Monday a day

of mourning in the city. It read: "In view of the tragedy that has befallen our nation, I hereby declare Monday, Nov. 25, a day of mourning for the City of Medford, Oregon. All city offices will remain closed on this day."

The First National Bank of Oregon, The U.S. National Bank of Portland, The Oregon Bank and all their branches will be closed Monday.

Savings and loan associations planned to follow the same procedure.

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Connally Safe After Surgery

DALLAS (UPI) — Texas Gov. John Connally, recovering from a sniper's bullet after four hours of surgery, was told by his wife Saturday that his friend John F. Kennedy had died of his wounds.

"It was pretty well resolved in his own mind that the President was dead," said Connally's administrative assistant, Bill Stinson.

Connally rested well during the night.

President Johnson called to check on his condition.

A medical bulletin issued at 3 p.m. EST said Gov. Connally "is in control of his faculties. His vital signs (pulse, respiration, blood pressure) are stable. The last X-rays of his chest are good. Doctors are pleased with his continuing progress. He is mentally clear."

Dr. Tom Shires had said earlier "all vital signs are good."

The Governor facing the President in the White House limousine Friday swiveled in horror when the first two bullets struck Kennedy. The quick movement probably saved his life.

The next bullet struck Connally and sped downward from the collarbone through the right side of his chest. It smashed three ribs, punctured his lung, shattered his right wrist, and lodged in his left leg just above the knee.

Castro Denies Oswald Link

MIAMI (UPI) — Premier Fidel Castro expressed doubt Saturday night that Lee H. Oswald, accused slayer of President Kennedy, was a leader of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee of the United States.

He also said his regime had no connection with the President's death. He charged that "the most reactionary elements" in the United States are trying to link him with Oswald and the assassination.

Making a Havana television appearance, Castro angrily read UPI news dispatches from Dallas about Oswald and said the news agency was "working to defame both the Soviet Union and our country."

Castro read that "President Kennedy was assassinated by a pro-Castro American who once sought Soviet citizenship."

"The first thing that appears to be a lie is that this man was president of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee in New Orleans," he said.