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SUSPECTED ASSASSIN SLAIN—Jack Ruby, right, is shown as he shot Lee Harvey Oswald as Oswald was being transferred from city to county jail in Dallas, Tex., Sunday. Oswald had been charged with the murder of the late President Kennedy. (Copyright 1963, The Dallas Times Herald and Photographer Bob Jackson.) (UPI)

Killer Silences Suspected Slayer of Late President

DALLAS (UPI)—Self-appointed executioner Jack Ruby will plead temporary insanity in the shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald, his attorney said today.

"I think he was probably temporarily out of his mind," attorney Tom Howard said.

DALLAS (UPI)—Police closed the books today on Lee Harvey Oswald and the world will never know what was in his mind. He was shot to death as President Kennedy's assassin by a self-appointed executioner before a nationwide television audience.

While the martyred President was being buried in Arlington National Cemetery, mourned by the world, the Communist-Castro sympathizer accused of slaying him lay on a cold marble slab in a morgue, disgraced.

He died with his lips sealed. He took to the grave with him the reason Kennedy was killed if, as police are convinced without doubt, he was the assassin.

The 24-year-old pro-Castro Marxist was being transferred in handcuffs from city jail to a maximum security cell at the county jail house when Jack Ruby, a one-time Chicago street brawler and owner of a Dallas striptease night club, leaped from a crowd of newsmen and policemen with a curse, jammed a snub-nosed .38 caliber pistol into Oswald's side and fired one shot.

"You son of a bitch," he shouted. Oswald jerked back. So did the police bodyguards flanking him. But there was nothing they could do to stop Ruby.

Dallas policeman P. T. Dean said Ruby told him he shot Oswald out of concern for Mrs. Kennedy. Dean said Ruby did not want Mrs. Kennedy to "go through the ordeal of returning to Dallas" and testifying at Oswald's trial.

He said Ruby decided to "obviate" the legal process by executing Oswald himself. Oswald was quickly rushed to Parkland Hospital's emergency ward where President Kennedy died Friday. At 1 p.m. (CST), 48 hours to the minute from the official time of Kennedy's death, Oswald's heart stopped beating. Open heart massage failed. He was pronounced dead at 1:07 p.m.

Henry Wade, Dallas County district attorney, filed murder charges against Ruby and said he would ask for the death penalty.

Seven Oregonians Die in Accidents

By United Press International

Seven persons died in accidents in Oregon during the weekend. There were four traffic fatalities, two shooting deaths and a drowning.

Airman 3/c Everett Miller, 19, Gurnee, Ill., was killed when his car hit a utility pole northeast of Portland in Multnomah County Sunday night.

Norman Rohde, 26, Roseburg, died in a two-car, head-on collision on Interstate 5, three miles north of Myrtle Creek Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Mary Ward, 63, Talent, was killed when her car struck the back of a truck on Interstate 5, one mile north of Grants Pass Sunday.

Mrs. Ward was the organizer and president of the "Workers of Wake, Guam and Cavite," an organization which sought, and finally obtained, compensation and medical aid for the men and dependants of construction men who were captured or killed on Wake Island during World War II.

John Lansing, 38, Merrill, was struck and killed by a car on State Highway 66, 18 miles west of Klamath Falls Saturday.

Phil Petersen, 17, Eugene, drowned in the Fern Ridge Reservoir when his canoe capsized Saturday. The body of Petersen, a senior and star athlete at Willamette High School, was not immediately recovered.

Martin Alexander, 14, McMinville, was accidentally shot and killed when a rifle held by a companion discharged. The accident occurred in a garage Saturday.

Jack Fine, 40, a member of a prominent Harney County ranching family, accidentally shot and killed himself while seated in his truck near Burns Saturday.

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Staff Increase Needed for Calls

The load of telephone calls through the Medford exchange of the Pacific Northwest Bell Telephone Company was so great during four hours Saturday that a 25 per cent increase in the force was made to care for the increased demand for service, Jack Creager, manager, said today.

He estimated that the long distance operators cared for 700 more than the normal number of calls during that four-hour period.

Many calls came to the information desk, also, Creager said. Many of the calls were not in any way connected with telephone service, but were from persons who were trying to find out just what Medford was planning to do during the period of mourning for President John F. Kennedy, Creager said.

The demands on the telephone company lessened Sunday and Monday morning, the Medford manager said. He added that he was prepared to care for another increased demand in case it occurs today after the funeral services are concluded in Washington, D.C.

Hoffa Takes Jibe At Robert Kennedy

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UPI)—Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy "is just another lawyer" since the President has been assassinated, Teamsters President James R. Hoffa said Sunday.

Hoffa, here for a meeting of Teamsters Local 327 said the attorney general will not "be able to guarantee patronage, or advancement to the court of appeals, or Supreme Court, because the passing of our President by assassination makes him just another lawyer."

Hoffa said Robert Kennedy will not "be able to promise—as he has many times—promotions if he could secure convictions, disregarding all the ethics that normally are practiced in court cases."

Television Brings Funeral to Europe

LONDON (UPI)—The biggest television link-up ever seen in Europe was set up today to bring to hundreds of millions of viewers on both sides of the Iron Curtain live scenes of President Kennedy's funeral in Washington.

Officials in Oregon Often Targets of Abuse, Threats

SALEM (UPI)—It is difficult for normal, law-abiding citizens to comprehend the abuse, threats and vandalism that is directed at high public officials.

The nation will not soon recover from the horror of Friday, Nov. 22, 1963. And Oregonians may not want to admit such a tragedy could occur here.

But it could. It almost has. The security guard placed around the home of Gov. Mark Hatfield has been the subject of much public abuse.

But that security guard was the direct result of a nearly tragic chain of events. The guard force was established immediately after the legislature unanimously approved a resolution charging the state police with the duty of providing security for the governor and his family.

That resolution was adopted but a few days after a dozen shots were fired at the Hatfield house by a frustrated welfare recipient. One of the bullets smashed through the trunk of the governor's car, which was parked alongside the house. The incident occurred about 30 minutes after the governor, his wife, and children left the front yard.

Twelve months ago the Federal Bureau of Investigation and state police investigated a threat on Hatfield's life.

Before Hatfield's house was placed under 24-hour guard, it was periodically the scene of vandalism.

Every week the governor's office receives violent mail or telephone calls.

Lawmakers have put two items of unfinished business awaiting their action next week. They have to find a solution to the Boardman Space Age Industrial Park problem, and a salary reduction bill passed by the House is awaiting a Senate vote.

CHAMPION RETRIEVER DAVIS, Calif. (UPI)—Del-Tone Colvin, a six-year-old Labrador male from Wisconsin, reigned at national retriever field champion today for the second time.

British Musicians Comment on Death of President During Overnight Stay Here

Members of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra from England were deeply upset by the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, and also much disturbed by the killing yesterday of the man charged with the President's death, a member of the orchestra said this morning.

About 70 members of the more than 100-piece orchestra spent the night in Medford en route to Eugene where tonight the group will give a concert for the Eugene Civic Music Association.

Albert Pievsky, a violinist, said most of his fellow musicians had been greatly shocked at the double tragedy.

"Most Englishmen had the highest regard for President Kennedy," he said. "I dare say he was better liked than any other recent president of the United States. We considered him a good friend of our country and his death is a great tragedy at this time."

The visitor added that many of the musicians, particularly the younger ones, had reacted as if the President's death had been a personal loss.

Turning to the reaction caused by the news of the arrest of Lee Harvey Oswald and his subsequent murder, Pievsky said he believed that such a series of events could not have taken place in his country. He seemed to think that the amount of information given out by the police in Dallas concerning Oswald had caused the citizenry to become inflamed and to pre-judge him.

"The man wasn't given a chance," the musician said. "By the statements they made, the police convicted him without due process of law. You say that everyone is innocent until proven guilty, but the Dallas police were already saying he was guilty. This wouldn't have happened in England."

The musician added that many Britishers feel Americans are somewhat lawless, and said the happenings of the weekend would strengthen that belief. He added, however, that he himself had been much more favorably impressed by Americans during the nine-weeks tour than he had expected.

Other musicians, discussing the late President, also praised his ability and statesmanship and said his death was a great loss to the whole world. One compared him to "our Prince Philip" and said President Kennedy, like the Prince, "was young, enormously popular, very personable and a family man devoted to his wife and children."

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ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY (UPI)—Under a bright and cloudless sky John Fitzgerald Kennedy went to rest today on a grassy hillside in this cemetery reserved for the nation's heroes.

There was a 21-gun salute for the young leader who fell under an assassin's bullets Friday. Riflemen fired three volleys. A bugler sounded Taps.

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The soul of John Fitzgerald Kennedy, martyred 35th President of the United States, was commended today to the care and mercy of God.

At a simple Roman Catholic funeral Mass, conducted by an old friend, the grief-numbed Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy and her little boy and girl heard these words of comfort and promise:

"Life is not taken away... life is but changed." And from the words of Christ, recorded by St. John: "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me, even if he die, shall live."

Also listening were the great of this nation and 53 other nations. Among them were the new President, Lyndon B. Johnson, and two former presidents, Harry S. Truman and Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Conducts Mass The pontifical requiem Mass, preceding burial on a grassy slope in Arlington National Cemetery, was conducted in the 65-year-old St. Matthew's Cathedral by Richard Cardinal Cushing of Boston, the friend and pastor who had performed the Kennedy's marriage ceremony in 1953 and baptized their children, Caroline and John Jr. Caroline will be 6 on Wednesday.

The slain President's beloved "John-John" was 3 today—the day of his father's funeral. A moment before the Mass began, Mrs. Kennedy took her children by the hand and led them to where Cardinal Cushing stood to greet them.

Sprinkles Holy Water As the eight service men bore the casket into the cathedral, they removed their hats. The cardinal, in the resplendent robes of his office, sprinkled holy water on the still flag-covered coffin.

Behind Mrs. Kennedy in the cathedral sat the leaders of Congress and the Cabinet and the chiefs of state from other lands.

Mrs. Rose Kennedy, the President's mother, and Mrs. Hugh D. Auchincloss, Jacqueline's mother, heard the magnificent words uttered by Cardinal Cushing.

No flowers were on the altar. Echoing under the great vault of the church came the words "Requiescat in pace" — Rest in peace.

Toward the end of the brief service, the cardinal said "Domine ihesu christe, qui tollis minus vobiscum" — "The Lord be with you" — and the choir and congregation replied: "Requiescat in pace."

And then the most sonorous of all chanted words, "Amen." (Continued on Page 2A)

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