

# Police Convinced Oswald Guilty



**THE SUSPECT** — Lee H. Oswald, prime suspect in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, is shown at Dallas police headquarters. Oswald received a cut on the forehead and a black left eye in a fight with officers who arrested him. Oswald has been charged with murder of a Dallas police officer who attempted to arrest him.

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 ailing, 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.

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

"The man killed President Kennedy. We are convinced without any doubt he did the killing," Fritz said.

Fritz said he could not disclose the evidence on which he based his statement. Oswald, 24, so far has stubbornly denied any connection with the assassination. He refused Saturday to take a lie detector test after paraffin tests showed gunpowder traces on both his hands, indicating he recently had fired a rifle — the type of weapon used to kill the President Friday.

The case was expected to go to a grand jury Wednesday.

Nov. 27, or Monday, Dec. 2. Fritz refused to say whether the sniper slaying of the President and the wounding of Texas Gov. John Connally as they rode triumphantly through downtown Dallas was an organized plot or a spur-of-the-moment act.

"There were no accomplices," Fritz said, however.

Dallas County Dist. Atty. Henry Wade said the assassination trial of the 24-year-old Marine Corps reject probably would be held in January. Wade, with a record of 24 convictions in 24 capital cases, said he would try the Oswald case himself.

Should Oswald not be convicted and sentenced to death by electrocution, he then would be tried for the slaying of a Dallas policeman who sought to arrest him after the assassination, Wade said.

Wade was more cautious in his appraisal of the state's case than Fritz.

"There is no such thing as a cinch. I do believe we have a good case," Wade said.

Police had the Italian-made sniper scope rifle used in the slayings. They knew from Oswald's Russian wife that he owned such a gun. She saw it the night before the assassination. He bought it in New Orleans, she said.

As Oswald called for a New York lawyer who has been accused of Communist party

membership, Wade said he would not disclose the evidence because:

"We have got to get a jury who doesn't know what evidence we have."

Although he agreed with Capt. Fritz that there was no evidence connecting anyone else to Oswald, Wade said:

"Our mind is open."

Oswald also was accused of slaying a pursuing policeman, another charge he denied although he admitted he owned the snub-nosed 38-caliber pistol which killed the veteran officer.

When he was arraigned earlier on this murder charge, Oswald responded: "I don't know what this is all about."

Police claimed Oswald, who was qualified as a sharpshooter while in the Marines, was in the building from which the assassin fired the fatal bullet at Kennedy. But Oswald said it wasn't so, that he was in a movie theater.

There were small conflicts in times and stories as federal and state officials pieced together the details.

Mrs. R. C. Roberts who works at the rooming house where Oswald lives said he dashed in soon after 12:45 CST (11:45 EST).

rooming house. A policeman asked him what he was doing there and a supervisor, knowing he worked there, said:

"He is okay."

Kennedy was shot at 12:31 p.m., CST. Mrs. Roberts said a friend called her at 12:45 to say the President had been shot.

Suddenly, she said, in rushed Oswald, "on the dead run."

"He ran to his room, came running back with a gray zipper jacket and out the door."

"I said 'you sure are in a hurry' but he didn't even answer."

He ran toward a bus stop. Mrs. Roberts said.

Patrolling in Oak Cliff was Officer J. D. Tippitt, a 35-year-old father of three. He was about five blocks from the Texas Theater when the double feature "Cry Battle" and "War Is Hell" was playing.

It was near 1 p.m.—the time Kennedy was pronounced dead—but the exact time is not known.

Tippitt fell to the street, shot twice. How he accosted his slayer is not known.

A witness called police and cars headed for the area. Then Mrs. Julie Postal, cashier at the Texas Theater, called police.

A suspicious-looking man was in the theater, she said.

Officers M. N. MacDonald, Ray Hawkins, C. T. Walker and Bob Varroll converged on the



**THE PLACE** — This is the window from which a sniper assassinated President Kennedy and injured Gov. John Connally Friday in Dallas. The President's car was in the upper right-hand corner (arrow).

## Oswald Wanted To Stay In Russia

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** In a Moscow hotel room four years ago Lee Oswald told a IPO reporter why "I couldn't live under the capitalist system." In the following dispatch the reporter describes that interview, which provides sharp insights into the nature of the man charged with the slaying of President Kennedy.

By ALINE MOSBY  
United Press International  
PARIS (UPI) — He wanted to stay in the Soviet Union, said the slight and intense young man sitting in Room 233 of the Metropole Hotel in Moscow.

Living in the United States, he added, would mean being

exploited by the capitalists. That was one of his reasons for coming to Moscow.

"Lee Harvey Oswald, Fort Worth, Tex., arrived Moscow, Oct. 15, 1959, applied Oct. 16 for Soviet citizenship. 'I had written in my notebook that day when I was on assignment in the UPI bureau there.

Early Saturday, after Oswald's arrest in Dallas, I found my notes on what he had said when I located him in Moscow after he went to the U.S. Embassy there and asked that his citizenship be canceled. He talked easily as if he were anxious to get all that he said published.

**His Father Dies**  
"I was born in New Orleans

and lived for two years in New York," he said. "I spent most of my life in Fort Worth. My father died before I was born. My mother works in ships mostly in Fort Worth."

As he continued, he gave me the impression of a person who is determined but unsure of himself, naive and emotionally unbalanced.

"I played baseball and football in high school," he said. "I had a certain amount of friends, but I don't have many attachments now in the U.S.," he said. "In my childhood, I enjoyed a few benefits of American society. I was a bookworm."

I asked why he wanted to remain in the Soviet Union.

"I'm a Marxist," he said seriously. "I became interested about the age of 15. An old lady handed me a pamphlet about saving the Rosenbergs (Julius and Ethel Rosenberg who were executed as spies).

"Das Kapital"  
"I still remember that pamphlet about the Rosenbergs. I don't know why. Then we moved to North Dakota and I discovered one book in the library, 'Das Kapital.' It was what I'd been looking for. It was like a very religious man opening the Bible for the first time.

"I started to study Marxist economic theories. I could see the impoverishment of the masses before my own eyes in my own mother. I thought the worker's life could be better. I found some Marxist books on dusty shelves in the New Orleans library and continued to indoctrinate myself for five years."

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