

Elaborate Security Net Protects President On Trip

By DAVID J. OESTREICHER
NEW YORK (UPI)—The police admitted today that a determined assassin could have killed President Johnson in spite of the record security guard laid on for the Chief Executive's 2½-hour visit to New York City.

"If someone had wanted to get the President, he could have done it," said a veteran plainclothes policeman assigned to Sunday's protective force. "There is no way to stop a determined assassin."

The officer conceded, however, that it would have been difficult for a sniper armed with a high-powered rifle to have hit the President. A phalanx of 35 motorcycle policemen surrounded the closed presidential car throughout the visit and the car itself was followed a few feet away by the "Queen Mary"—an armored convertible with its roof down manned by several Secret Service men, including James Rowley, chief of the federal agency charged with the responsibility of protecting the President and his family. Two police helicopters hovered over the presidential car at an altitude of less than 50 feet.

"It was the other means of assassination we were worried about," the detective said. "Someone could have tossed a hand grenade under the car. There is just too much to watch."

The elaborate security arrangements for the presidential trip started last week when it was announced that Johnson would come to New York to attend the funeral of Herbert H. Lehman, the former governor who served two terms as a U.S. senator.

At least one person was arrested for making threats against the life of the President last week.

Omar Padilla, a 19-year-old Cuban national, was taken into custody on Saturday and held in \$25,000 bail for allegedly declaring that he was going to kill the President during the visit. The presidential plane landed at a remote part of the Idlewild Airport on the flight from Washington. Newsmen were permitted to watch the plane taxi in, but they were ordered into an area surrounded by iron railings that had been moved into place. They were not allowed to leave until the President had entered his car.

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The snap decision gave the security officers about 20 minutes to set up protection at the hotel. Policemen immediately took up rooftop positions around the hotel and 60 officers began a security inspection.

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Capitol Picture Story Comes Off The Presses

By DICK WEST

WASHINGTON (UPI)—What is described as "the first full-color picture story" of the U.S. Capitol came off the presses a few days ago and was an immediate best seller.

The last time I checked, orders for the book, published by the Capitol Historical Society, were coming in faster than it could be printed.

Titled "We, the People," it is part history and part guidebook. I thought the text and illustrations were excellent. This does not mean, however, that the book is perfect.

In my opinion, it would be embraced not only the Capitol but the adjacent congressional office buildings.

For example, the photographs include the first official portrait ever made of the Senate in action. One can only regret that it does not offer, as a companion piece, a color shot of the senators' private swimming pool in the Old Senate Office Building.

The book tends to stress the monumental or museum side of its other role as a "living" institution.

It could have struck a better editorial balance had the camera recorded a couple of senators in bikini-length togas indulging in aquatic sports.

I also feel that the book omitted several important features in a cutaway drawing that locates, for the benefit of tourists, some of the chief points of interest.

It is so happens that my desk in the House Press Gallery is situated by a door that opens onto a corridor leading to the public galleries.

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Artist Group Plans Auction

The Klamath Art Association Christmas auction will conclude this year's sale this week by an extension of two days open to the public.

On Tuesday, Dec. 10, the hours are from 2 until 9 p.m., and on Wednesday, Dec. 11, the gallery at 120 Riverside Drive will be open in the evening from 7 until 9 p.m. The final bids on pictures for auction will occur at 8:30 p.m. on Dec. 11.

Additional artists who have contributed their works for the auction and sale include V. Biranowski, Polly Dixon, V. E. R. Fridley, Irene Hartley, Edna Karvaz, Elaine Jones, Sharm McVay, Leo Molatore, Sharon Rajnus and Natalie Swanson.

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Road Bids Requested In Lake Of Woods Area

The forest service has called for bids to construction of a recreation road in the Lake of the Woods area, and for surfacing to be placed on the Aspen Point campground.

The project was announced recently by the office of the regional forester in Portland. Bids will be opened in Portland, on Dec. 18.

Interested bidders will have an opportunity to see the job. A show-me trip to be conducted by forest officers will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 11. Those wishing to view the area should meet at Lake of the Woods Ranger Station at 1 p.m.

The proposed road projects are an extension and further development of the recreation facilities at Lake of the Woods. The road construction job involves improvement and relocation of the road along the east

side of the lake, which serves the campground, resort and airport areas. The surface rock to be placed in the Aspen Point campground is in preparation for ultimate blacktop surfacing, forest officials explain.

AAUW Slates Art Discussion

Klamath County Association of University Women art study group will discuss Tempera and Oil, Vol. 9, of the Metropolitan Museum of Art Portfolio, at the home of Mrs. John Sanders, 1603 Eldorado, 10 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 11.

Natalie Harris Swanson, portrait artist, discussion leader, will have examples of her work for display. She has studied at the Boston School of Fine Arts. Mrs. Charles Cheyne, chairman, announces that this study group, as is true of all university women study groups, is open to any interested woman in the community irrespective of any college affiliation.

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