

PRESIDENT DEAD

Connally Also Hit By Sniper

By GEORGE CARTER

President Kennedy died of assassin's bullets in Dallas Friday afternoon.

The President and Gov. John Connally were ambushed as they drove in the President's open convertible in a downtown motorcade.

Two priests announced shortly before 1:30 that the President was dead.

Bullets apparently came from a high-powered rifle in a building at Houston and Elm.

A man was arrested and taken to the sheriff's office.

The President immediately clutched his chest and slumped into the arms of his wife, Gov. Connally, apparently shot in the chest, fell to the floor under his wife's feet.

Secret service agents immediately dispatched the motorcade at high speed to Parkland Hospital.

Gov. Connally was reported in critical condition.

Witnesses standing on a balcony at the courtroom gave this account of what they saw:

The motorcade had just turned into Houston Street from Main Street when a shot rang out. Pigeons flew up from the street. Then, two more shots rang out and Mr. Kennedy fell to the floor of the car.

The shots seemed to come from the extension of Elm Street just beyond the Texas Textbook Depository building at the corner of Elm and Houston streets.

Police swarmed into the area toward the railroad tracks and the witnesses could not tell whether he was captured.

The cavalcade stopped there and there was bedlam.

Deputy Police Chief Ray Lunday, leading the procession through Dallas, said he thought the shots were fired as the President's car neared the Triple Underpass.

Police issued a pickup order for an unknown white male, about 30, slender, 5-10, 165 pounds, armed with a .30 caliber rifle.

Six or seven persons were believed hit by sniper's volley.

Police swarmed the building as the stunned crowd of persons watching the downtown parade watched.

The President was rushed to Parkland Hospital.

Sgt. G. D. Hensley, police dispatcher, directed all available police units to the downtown area near the western edge of downtown Dallas.

The Presidential convoy cut off its route and sped at high speed immediately toward Parkland Hospital where doctors were ordered to stand by.

The motorcade, originally set to turn off industrial by the Trade Mart, sped straight down industrial toward Harry Hines.

The police radio blared that the President had been hit.

Sheriff Decker came on the air around 1:25 p.m.

"I don't know what happened. Take every available man from the jail and the office and go to the railroad yards off Elm near the triple underpass."

The crowds waiting inside the Trade Mart were not immediately told of the shooting.

A sobbing carpet salesman told police minutes after the shooting the President appeared to be hit twice.

"The first time he slumped and the second one really blasted him." These were the words of Charles Druhm, 38, of 1619 Kings Highway.

"After the first shot the President's wife rose slightly to hold the President and they both went down in the second shot. He was definitely hit badly," Mr. Druhm said.

Mr. Druhm said the President was half standing, waving to the crowd, when he heard the first of two shots. He said after the President was knocked down, apparently by the second shot, the



This picture was taken at Love Field on the President's arrival.

President's car roared underneath the triple underpass.

President Kennedy and Gov. Connally were critically wounded by sniper's bullets near the downtown triple underpass shortly afternoon Friday.

Bullets apparently came from a building at Houston and Elm.

But reporters following the President in a motorcade said a man and woman were seen scrambling on a walk over the underpass.

The President and Connally were rushed to Parkland Hospital.

Minutes later they were reported still alive by Rep. Albert Thomas of Houston, who stood outside the emergency surgery door.

Police reports indicated President Kennedy was shot in the head. Connally was apparently shot in the chest.

Mrs. Kennedy apparently was safe. Mrs. Connally also was safe, it appeared. Both women were stunned.

Witnesses said six or seven shots were fired. The bursts were clearly heard.

Police swarmed the area immediately. Reporters about five car lengths behind the chief executive heard what sounded like three bursts of gunfire.

Secret Service agents in a follow-up car quickly unlimbered their automatic rifles.

The bubble top of the President's car was down.

They drew their pistols, but the damage was done.

The President was slumped over in the back seat of the car, face down. Connally lay on the floor of the rear seat.

It was impossible to tell at once where Kennedy was hit, but bullet wounds in Connally's chest were plainly visible, indicating the gunfire might possibly have come from an automatic weapon.

Dallas motorcycle officers escorting the President quickly leaped from their bikes and raced up a grassy hill.

The President, his limp body cradled in the arms of his wife, was rushed to Parkland Hospital. The Governor also was taken to Parkland.

Cint Hill, a Secret Service agent assigned to Mrs. Kennedy, said "he's dead," as the President was lifted from the rear of a White Horse touring

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car, the famous "Bubbletop" from Washington. He was rushed to an emergency room in the hospital.

Other White House officials were in doubt as the corridors of the hospital erupted in pandemonium.

The Secret Service said the President remained in the emergency room at Parkland and the Governor was moved to the general operating room.

One Secret Service man was overheard telling another that there was no need to move the President because emergency facilities were entirely adequate in the emergency room.

Two Roman Catholic priests were summoned to the emergency room where the President lay. One was identified as a Father Huber.

Malcolm Kidduff, acting White House press secretary, said that the two priests had been "asked for."

Pandemonium broke loose around the scene.

The Secret Service waved the motorcade on at top speed to the hospital.

Even at high speed it took nearly five minutes to get the car to the ambulance entrance of the hospital.

Reporters saw Kennedy lying flat on his face on the seat of his car.

A reporter said a man and a woman were scrambling on the upper level of a walkway overlooking the underpass.

Lawrence O'Brien, presidential aide, said he had no information on whether the President still was alive.

Mrs. Kennedy was weeping and trying to hold up her husband's head when reporters reached the car.

Fire equipment was rushed to the building from which the shots were believed to have been fired. Firemen roped off the area as Secret Service men and city police swarmed through the building.

A tight security line apparently was clamped on at Parkland Hospital.

Police Chief Jesse Curry advised Sgt. Hensley that no condition would be released immediately on the President's condition.

At the Triple Underpass, large numbers of the crowd were milling around half sobbing half hysterically shouting, "The President's shot!"

Women and children and men stopped one another and police to ask plaintively, "Is the President alive? God, how horrible." Although most of the law officers present felt the bullets came from

Secret Service Checks in Vain

By DON LEMBER

Despite the extensive and painstaking steps taken by the Secret Service to protect the President's motorcade in Dallas, the President's motorcade was ambushed and he was shot to death by a sniper's bullet.

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TRAGICALLY ONE OF THE most important jobs of the Secret Service had been the making of a work of local law enforcement officers and other agencies for their investigations.

FBI—2000 were several sites proposed initially for Friday's luncheon. Secret Service men checked them all.

THE BALCONIES at the Trade Mart, the location of the local sponsors made the secret service vigilant. But they studied and investigated each area and finally approved the Trade Mart site.

A list by name of all the balconies that were thought possible he placed in the hands of the Secret Service. Agents became familiar with their floor patterns.

A motorcycle check was conducted just before the parade. Spots were spotted from which a shot could be fired.

The decision to hold the Trade Mart in the event of an emergency was made. Agents gave the correct one of the most thorough checks including what would be the best possible vantage points were to look down on the President.

DETAILED SECURITY checks near the Trade Mart with its 14 different entrances to the main courtyard were set up. Unarmed guards with automatic rifles were assigned to each of the passages and the entrances to the courtyard.

A guest list was assembled. Secret Service agents planned to check the tickets of everyone who entered the Trade Mart. This morning agents looked through the list to see who was in the crowd and who was in the courtyard.

THE ORDER was issued on the day. The President and his party would arrive at the Trade Mart at 1:30 p.m. The President would arrive at the Trade Mart at 1:30 p.m. The President would arrive at the Trade Mart at 1:30 p.m.

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