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## KENNEDY'S BODY LIES IN WHITE HOUSE; JOHNSON AT HELM WITH WIDE BACKING; POLICE SAY PRISONER IS THE ASSASSIN

### CABINET CONVENES

#### Johnson Sees Truman and Eisenhower on First Day in Office

By JAMES RESTON  
Special to The New York Times  
WASHINGTON, Nov. 23 — President Johnson took over the machinery of government today amid pledges of support from the other leaders of the nation and the non-Communist world.  
It was a bleak and melancholy day, with the rain falling slowly out of gray skies and the body of the assassinated 35th President of the United States lying in the East Room of the White House.  
Like a family facing the imperatives of both life and death, citizens of the Union came quietly to the Executive Mansion to look at the coffin of John Fitzgerald Kennedy and to express their best wishes to his successor.

#### Will Address Congress

The President announced that he would address a joint session of Congress at 12:30 P.M. Wednesday. White House sources indicated that the speech would be telecast to the nation.

President Kennedy's funeral will take place on Monday. The address to Congress was delayed to allow Mr. Johnson to spend Tuesday conferring with the many foreign leaders who will be in Washington for the funeral.

Later it was announced that the President would meet at 3 P.M. tomorrow on the war in South Vietnam with Henry Cabot Lodge, Ambassador to Saigon; Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara, Secretary of State Dean Rusk and McGeorge Bundy, special Presidential assistant on security affairs.

#### Meeting Opens With Prayer

President Johnson held his first Cabinet meeting this afternoon. He opened it with a minute of silent prayer for President Kennedy and then asked all members of the Cabinet to continue to serve as before. Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy was present.

Earlier, President Johnson had received former Presidents Harry S. Truman and Dwight D. Eisenhower, attended church and conferred with Secretary Rusk, Secretary McNamara and other officials.

Unity and continuity were the themes of President Johnson's first full day in office. He was clearly concerned today to make plain to all nations that the authority of state had passed smoothly and quickly into his hands and that he intended to proceed on the same

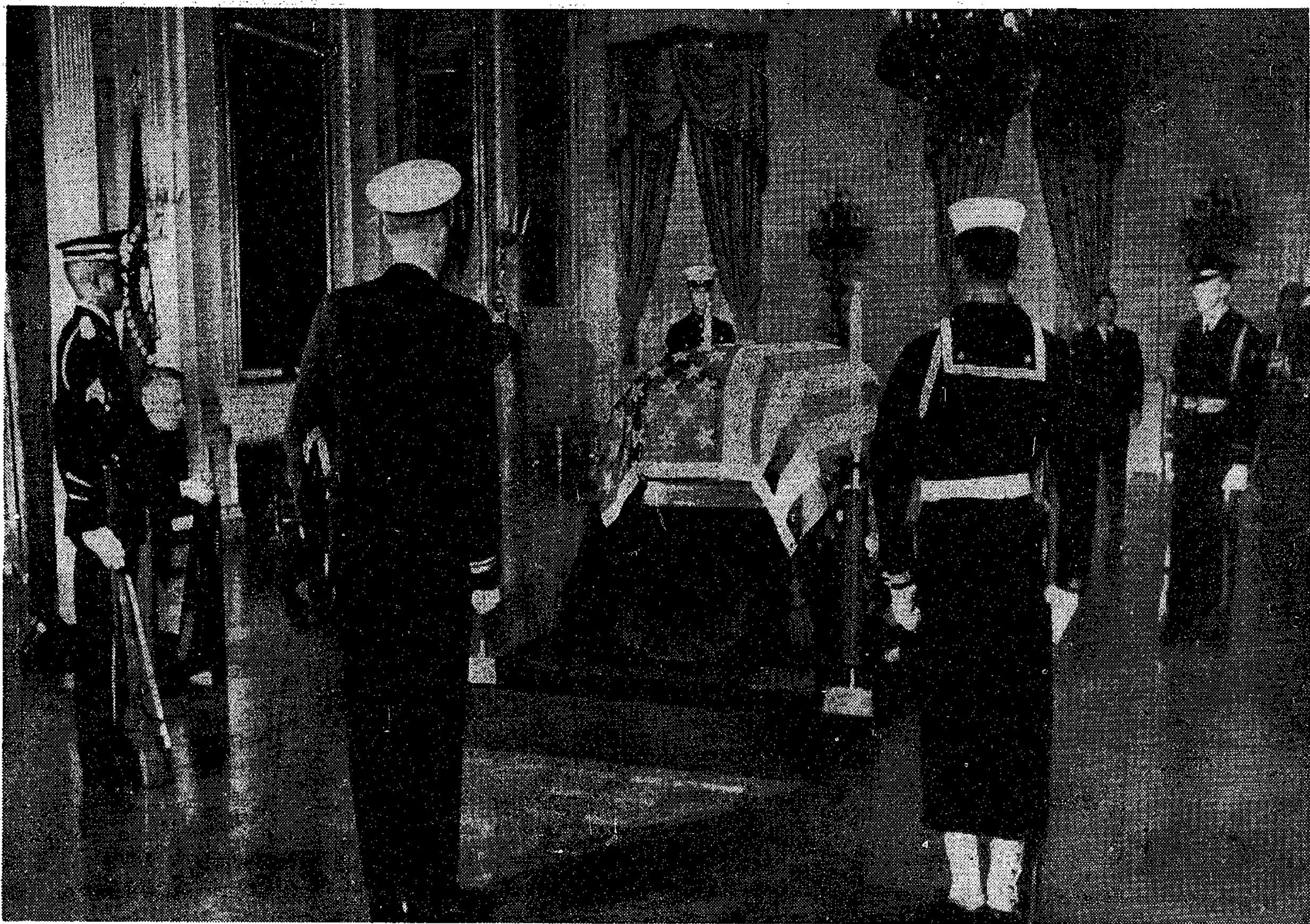
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### Aldous Huxley Dies Of Cancer on Coast

Special to The New York Times  
LOS ANGELES, Nov. 23—Aldous Leonard Huxley, the novelist-philosopher-historian whose satirical "Brave New World" set a model for writers of his generation, died here yesterday at the home of friends. He and his wife had been living there since their home was destroyed by fire last year.

The eminent 69-year-old scholar and writer—and poet, essayist, playwright and brilliant prober into the human commonplace and the esoteric—died of cancer.

Mr. Huxley, in his own right the occupant of a seat at the literary pinnacle, was a grandson of Thomas Henry Huxley, the great popularizer of evolution, a great-nephew of Matthew Arnold and a brother of



IN REPOSE: The flag-draped coffin of President Kennedy in East Room of the White House. A priest kneels in prayer at left. The guard of honor represents the armed services.

### JOHNSON ORDERS DAY OF MOURNING

#### He Proclaims Tomorrow as Time for Entire Nation to Honor Kennedy

By E. W. KENWORTHY  
Special to The New York Times  
WASHINGTON, Nov. 23—Lyndon B. Johnson, the new President of the United States, issued a proclamation today designating a national day of mourning for his slain predecessor.  
In one of his first official actions, Mr. Johnson called on all Americans to go to their churches on Monday and pay the "homage of love and reverence" to the memory of John F. Kennedy.

He also ordered all Federal offices in the country to close on that day, the day of Mr. Kennedy's funeral.  
The proclamation was issued in midafternoon shortly after the new President and his wife, Lady Bird, returned from a special prayer service.

#### A Busy Schedule

Mr. Johnson's day was one of brisk activity. At 8:40 this morning the tall Texan left home, flanked by motorcycle outriders and followed by a Secret Service car, and sped to the White House.

He had been elevated to the Presidency only 19 hours before when an assassin's bullet struck down Mr. Kennedy in Dallas.

Through 9:15 tonight, when Mr. Johnson went home, his day was filled with intelligence briefings; conferences with top officials on foreign and defense policies; a meeting with the Cabinet; talks with former Presidents Dwight D. Eisenhower and Harry S. Truman; a session with legislative leaders of both parties; a visit with Mr. Kennedy's widow, and an interlude of prayer in St. John's Episcopal Church across Lafayette Square from the White House.

The old Johnsonian habits—an affable carelessness about time, for instance—had van-

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### The White House By the President of the United States of America A Proclamation

To the People of the United States:  
John Fitzgerald Kennedy, 35th President of the United States of America, has been taken from us by an act which outrages decent men everywhere.

He upheld the faith of our Fathers, which is freedom for all men. He broadened the frontiers of that faith, and backed it with the energy and the courage which are the mark of the Nation that he led.

A man of wisdom, strength and peace, he molded and moved the power of our Nation in the service of a world of growing liberty and order. All who love freedom will mourn his death.

As he did not shrink from his responsibilities, but welcomed them, so he would not have us shrink from carrying on his work beyond this hour of national tragedy.

He said it himself: "The energy, the faith, the devotion which we bring to this endeavor will light our country and all who serve it—and the glow from that fire can truly light the world."

Now, therefore, I, Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United States of America, do appoint Monday next, Nov. 25, the day of the funeral service of President Kennedy, to be a day of national mourning throughout the United States. I earnestly recommend the people to assemble on that day in their respective places of divine worship, there to bow down in submission to the will of Almighty God, and to pay their homage of love and reverence to the memory of a great and good man. I invite the people of the world who share our grief to join us in this day of mourning and reedification.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

DONE at the City of Washington this twenty-third day of November in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and eighty-eighth.

LYNDON B. JOHNSON.

### 63 Elderly Patients Are Killed As Fire Razes Ohio Rest Home

NORWALK, Ohio, Nov. 23—Sixty-three elderly men and women died in a fire that destroyed a rural rest home today. It was the worst fire tragedy in this country since 95 persons perished in 1958, when a Chicago school burned.

### CAPITAL WEIGHING POLITICAL EFFECT

#### Party Chiefs Expect Johnson to Push Kennedy Program and Be Nominee in '64

By WARREN WEAVER Jr.  
Special to The New York Times  
WASHINGTON, Nov. 23—A shaken capital began to piece together today a new picture of national politics to replace the one shattered by an assassin's bullet 24 hours before.

There were no certainties. There were only degrees of speculation, as the politicians talked in the aftermath of President Kennedy's death and the accession of President Johnson.

As party leaders looked forward after a day of turmoil and tragedy, they reached one major conclusion. The new President seems almost certain to be his party's standard-bearer when the Democratic convention meets in Atlantic City nine months from tomorrow.

#### Legislative Outlook

On the legislative side, Congressional sources expected that the President would adopt and push the Kennedy program.

Although Mr. Johnson was silent on politics, as he may be for some time, no one among his associates questioned that the former Vice President would expect the nomination and fight for it, if necessary.

One of the major advantages that President Johnson will enjoy is that his potential opposition is almost hopelessly divided.

When the political harmony of Washington's present crisis mood has faded, the President can expect to face two major groups of detractors within his own party: those liberals who find him too conservative and those Southerners who feel he has deserted their cause.

Both of these groups may feel next August that they might prefer one of their own as a nominee. But the possibility of their agreeing on a candidate seems dim.

Time is also on Mr. Johnson's side. The tragedy that projected him to national leadership seems

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### Evidence Against Oswald Described as Conclusive

#### Police Officials Say Today They Had Amassed Evidence Enough to Convict Lee Harvey Oswald of the Assassination of President Kennedy

By GLADWIN HILL  
Special to The New York Times  
DALLAS, Nov. 23—Police officials said today they had amassed evidence enough to convict Lee Harvey Oswald of the assassination of President Kennedy.

"We're convinced beyond any doubt that he killed the President," said Capt. Will Fritz, chief of the Dallas Police Homicide Bureau, after questioning Oswald and others. "I think the case is clinched."

While the 24-year-old warehouse worker continued to deny the killing under prolonged questioning, the Dallas County District Attorney, Henry Wade, said this afternoon: "I think we have enough evidence to convict him now—but we anticipate a lot more evidence in the next few days."

Oswald was arrested yesterday afternoon after the President had been killed by a sniper's rifle bullet. He was charged also with the slaying of a Dallas policeman.

District Attorney Wade said he planned to present the case to the grand jury next Wednesday or the following Monday. He thought the case might come to trial in mid-January.

Police Chief Jesse Curry announced tonight that the Federal Bureau of Investigation had identified as Oswald's handwriting

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### KHRUSHCHEV PAYS SPECIAL RESPECTS

WASHINGTON, Mr. Khrushchev called this morning at the residence of the United States Ambassador, Foy D. Kohler, to pay his tribute and to sign the condolence book. Andrei A. Gromyko, the Foreign Minister, who accompanied the Premier, had tears in his eyes as he took leave of the Ambassador.

Anastas I. Mikoyan, a First Deputy Premier and one of Mr. Khrushchev's closest associates, will go to Washington for the funeral.

### BITES TOMORROW

#### Burial in Arlington—Many World Leaders to Attend Funeral

By JACK RAYMOND  
Special to The New York Times  
WASHINGTON, Nov. 23 — The body of John Fitzgerald Kennedy lay in repose today in a closed, flag-draped coffin in the East Room of the White House.

Two priests, kneeling in silent prayer, and a military guard of honor kept constant watch. Tall candles at each corner of the bier flickered under the dimly lighted giant chandeliers. At the foot of the coffin there was a mahogany crucifix; at the head a spray of carnations and lilies.

Mrs. Kennedy, her two children and other members of the family were the first to visit the room.

#### Visits by Ex-Presidents

Throughout the day many others, including former Presidents Dwight D. Eisenhower and Harry S. Truman, Government officials and representatives of foreign nations, paid their private respects to Mr. Kennedy, who was assassinated yesterday in Dallas.

Tomorrow, the coffin will be taken to the great Rotunda of the Capitol to lie in state and to permit public viewing. It will be closed.

On Monday, proclaimed by President Johnson as a national day of mourning, a funeral will be held in St. Matthew's Roman Catholic Cathedral here.

Mourning in the New York area has caused the cancellation or modification of some normal activities. A listing of such changes is on Page 9.

Among those who have said they will attend the state funeral are Prince de Gaulle of France; Prince Philip, husband of Queen Elizabeth II of Britain, and Prime Minister Sir Alec Douglas-Home; King Baudouin of the Belgians; First Deputy Premier Anastas I. Mikoyan of the Soviet Union; Ludwig Erhard, Chancellor of West Germany, and President Eamon de Valera of Ireland.

#### Military Cortege Set

The White House announced that a horse-drawn caisson, with ceremonial troops representing each service, would bear Mr. Kennedy's body to the Capitol and from there to the church on Monday in a traditional military procession.

The plans were similar to those for the funeral parade that escorted Franklin D. Roosevelt along a similar route in 1945. A corps of drummers will beat muffled cadence for the procession.

Mr. Kennedy will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery in accordance with the wishes of the family. He will thus become the second President to be buried near the famed shrine of

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### Sections of Today's Paper

This main news section consists today of one part only. Out of respect for the memory of President Kennedy, advertisers have curtailed their notices.

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