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KENNEDY IS KILLED BY SNIPER AS HE RIDES IN CAR IN DALLAS; JOHNSON SWORN IN ON PLANE

TEXAN ASKS UNITY

Congressional Chiefs
of 2 Parties Give
Promise of Aid

By FELIX BELAIR Jr.
Special to The New York Times
WASHINGTON, Nov. 22—
Lyndon B. Johnson returned to
a stunned capital this evening
to assume the duties of the
Presidency.

The new President asked for
and received from Congressional
leaders of both parties their
"united support in the face of
the tragedy which has befallen
our country." He said it was
"more essential than ever be-
fore that this country be united."

Partisan differences disap-
peared in the chorus of assur-
ances with which the Congres-
sional leaders responded.

Mr. Johnson was described
by those who talked with him
as "stunned and shaken" by the
assassination of President Ken-
nedy.

Discusses U.S. Security

But he moved quickly from
problems of national security,
and foreign policy to funeral
arrangements for Mr. Kennedy.
Across the street from the
West Wing of the White House,
the President conferred with
officials in his old Vice Presi-
dential offices in the Executive
Office Building.

Senator George A. Smathers,
Democrat of Florida, a personal
friend of the dead President,
was one of those who described
Mr. Johnson as shaken.

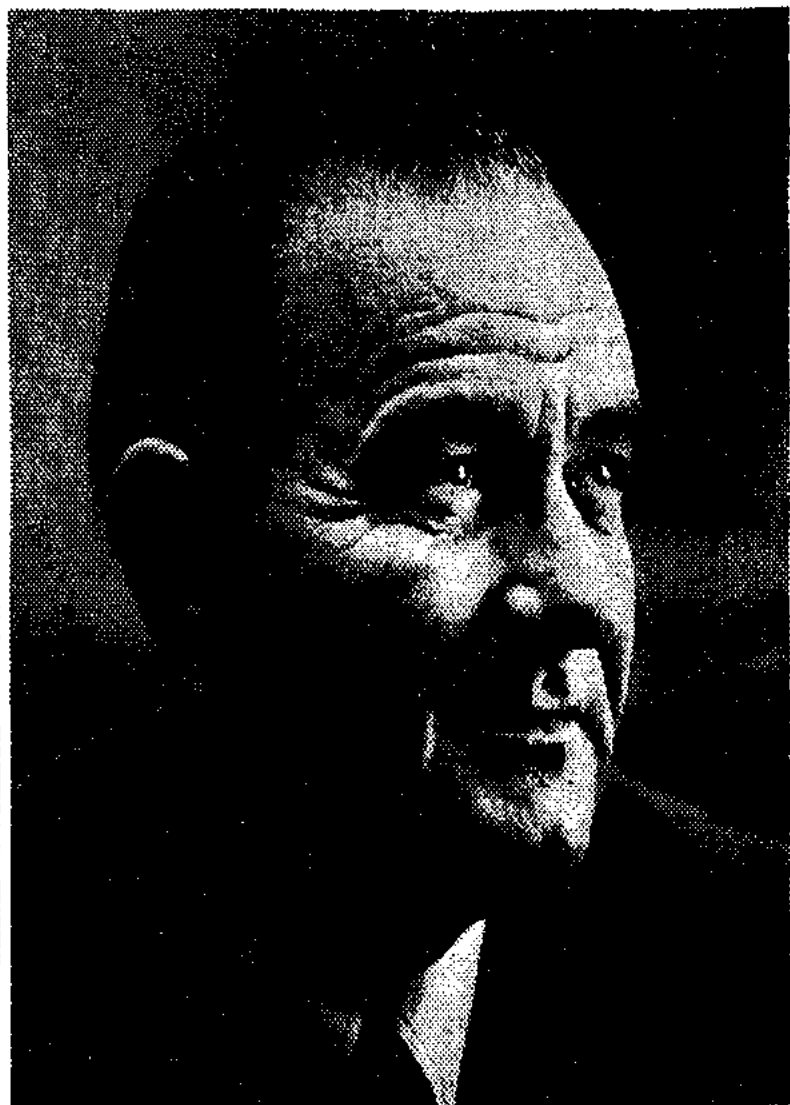
"Everyone is," he added. "But
the President is the more so
because he was right there
when the tragedy occurred."

While flying to Washington
aboard the Presidential plane,
Mr. Johnson arranged for a
meeting with Cabinet members
to ask that they remain at
their posts. He made the same
request of staff members in the
executive office.

Meets With Harriman

"Calm and contained" was the
way Senator J. W. Fulbright de-
scribed the President's manner
during a discussion of foreign-
policy matters with Under Sec-
retary of State W. Averell Har-
riman. The Arkansas Senator
said the President had been
working on "what looked like
a statement"—presumably an
assurance of continuity of the
nation's foreign policy.

The new President's first con-
ference was aboard the helicop-
ter that flew him the 15 miles
from Andrews Air Force Base



"This is a sad time for all people. We have suffered
a loss that cannot be weighed. For me it is a deep
personal tragedy. I know the world shares the sor-
row that Mrs. Kennedy and her family bear. I will
do my best. That is all I can do. I ask for your help
—and God's."—President Lyndon Baines Johnson.

PRESIDENT'S BODY WILL LIE IN STATE PARTIES' OUTLOOK FOR '64 CONFUSED

Funeral Mass to Be Monday
in Capital After Homage
Is Paid by the Public

By JACK RAYMOND
Special to The New York Times
WASHINGTON, Saturday,
Nov. 23—The body of John F.
Kennedy will lie in state in the
rotunda of the Capitol tomor-
row and then will be borne to
St. Matthew's Roman Catholic
Cathedral for a pontifical re-
quiem mass at noon Monday.

The President's body was re-
turned to Washington yesterday
in the same Air Force jet that
carried him to Texas Thursday.
The plane, with Mrs. Kennedy,
the new President, Lyndon B.
Johnson, and Mrs. Johnson
aboard, arrived at Andrews Air
Force Base at about 6 P.M.

It was announced later that
Mr. Kennedy's body would lie
in the East Room of the White
House today from 10 A.M. to 6
P.M., during which time Gov-
ernment and diplomatic officials
will pay their respects.

The coffin will be taken from
the White House to the Capitol
rotunda tomorrow morning.
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LEFTIST ACCUSED

Figure in a Pro-Castro
Group Is Charged—
Policeman Slain

By GLADWIN HILL
Special to The New York Times
DALLAS, Saturday, Nov. 23—
Lee Harvey Oswald, a 24-
year-old warehouse worker who
once lived in the Soviet Union,
was charged late last night
with assassinating President
Kennedy.

Oswald was arrested at 2:15
yesterday afternoon, nearly two
hours after the assassination of
the President, as the suspected
killer of a policeman on the
street in the Oak Cliff district,
three miles from where the Presi-
dent was shot.

Chief of Police Jesse Curry
announced that Oswald had
been formally arraigned at 1:40
A.M., Central standard time,
today on a charge of murder in
the President's death. The
arraignment was made before
a justice of the peace in the
homicide bureau at Police Head-
quarters.

Capt. Will Fritz, head of the
homicide bureau, identified Os-
wald as an adherent of the
left-wing "Fair Play for Cuba
Committee." But there were
also reports that Oswald, ap-
parently politically erratic, had
once tried to join anti-Castro
forces.

Worked in Warehouse
Oswald was employed in the
Texas School Book Depository,
the warehouse from which the
fatal shots were fired at the
President's car.

The police said at least six
witnesses placed Oswald in the
building at the time of the as-
sassination.

One was quoted as saying
that Oswald had stayed behind
on an upper floor when other
employees went down to the
street to see Mr. Kennedy pass
by.

The defendant's only com-
ment, shouted at reporters as
he was led handcuffed through
a police building corridor to be
questioned, was "I haven't shot
anybody." "He has not con-

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John Fitzgerald Kennedy
1917-1963

Why America Weeps

Kennedy Victim of Violent Streak
He Sought to Curb in the Nation

By JAMES RESTON
Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22—America wept tonight,
not alone for its dead young President, but for itself. The grief
was general, for somehow the worst in the nation had pre-
vailed over the best. The in-
dictment extended beyond the
assassin, for something in the
nation itself, some strain of
madness and violence, had de-
stroyed the highest symbol of
murdered President darkened
law and order.

Speaker John McCormack,
now 71 and, by the peculiarities
of our politics, next in line of
succession after the Vice Presi-
dent, expressed this sense of
began its mourning. By night-
fall, the normal quick Friday
night pace had slowed as near-
to a halt as it ever comes.

Many of the city's normal
weekend commercial, social and
sporting activities were can-
celed. Decisions for closings to
many stores and other busi-
nesses were being debated.

Courts closed in the middle of
hearings yesterday. Hundreds
of public and private social
functions and sporting events
were interrupted or postponed.
Most downtown legitimate
motion picture theaters, night-
clubs and dance halls locked
violent in the cold war overseas

When the historians get
around to assessing his three
years in office, it is very likely
that they will be impressed with
his efforts to restrain
those who wanted to be more
violent in the cold war overseas

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Gov. Connally Shot; Mrs. Kennedy Safe

President Is Struck Down by a Rifle Shot
From Building on Motorcade Route—
Johnson, Riding Behind, Is Unhurt

By TOM WICKER
Special to The New York Times

DALLAS, Nov. 22—President John Fitz-
gerald Kennedy was shot and killed by an as-
sassin today.

He died of a wound in the brain caused by
a rifle bullet that was fired at him as he was
riding through downtown Dallas in a motorcade.

Vice President Lyndon Baines Johnson,
who was riding in the third car behind Mr.
Kennedy's, was sworn in as the 36th President
of the United States 99 minutes after Mr.
Kennedy's death.

Mr. Johnson is 55 years old; Mr. Kennedy
was 46.

Shortly after the assassination, Lee H. Os-
wald, who once defected to the Soviet Union and
who has been active in the Fair Play for Cuba
Committee, was arrested by the Dallas police.
Tonight he was accused of the killing.

Suspect Captured After Scuffle

Oswald, 24 years old, was also accused of
slaying a policeman who had approached him in
the street. Oswald was subdued after a scuffle
with a second policeman in a nearby theater.

President Kennedy was shot at 12:30 P.M.,
Central standard time (1:30 P.M., New York
time). He was pronounced dead at 1 P.M. and
Mr. Johnson was sworn in at 2:39 P.M.

Mr. Johnson, who was uninjured in the
shooting, took his oath in the Presidential jet
plane as it stood on the runway at Love Field.
The body of Mr. Kennedy was aboard. Imme-
diately after the oath-taking, the plane took off
for Washington.

Standing beside the new President as Mr.
Johnson took the oath of office was Mrs. John
F. Kennedy. Her stockings were spattered with
her husband's blood.

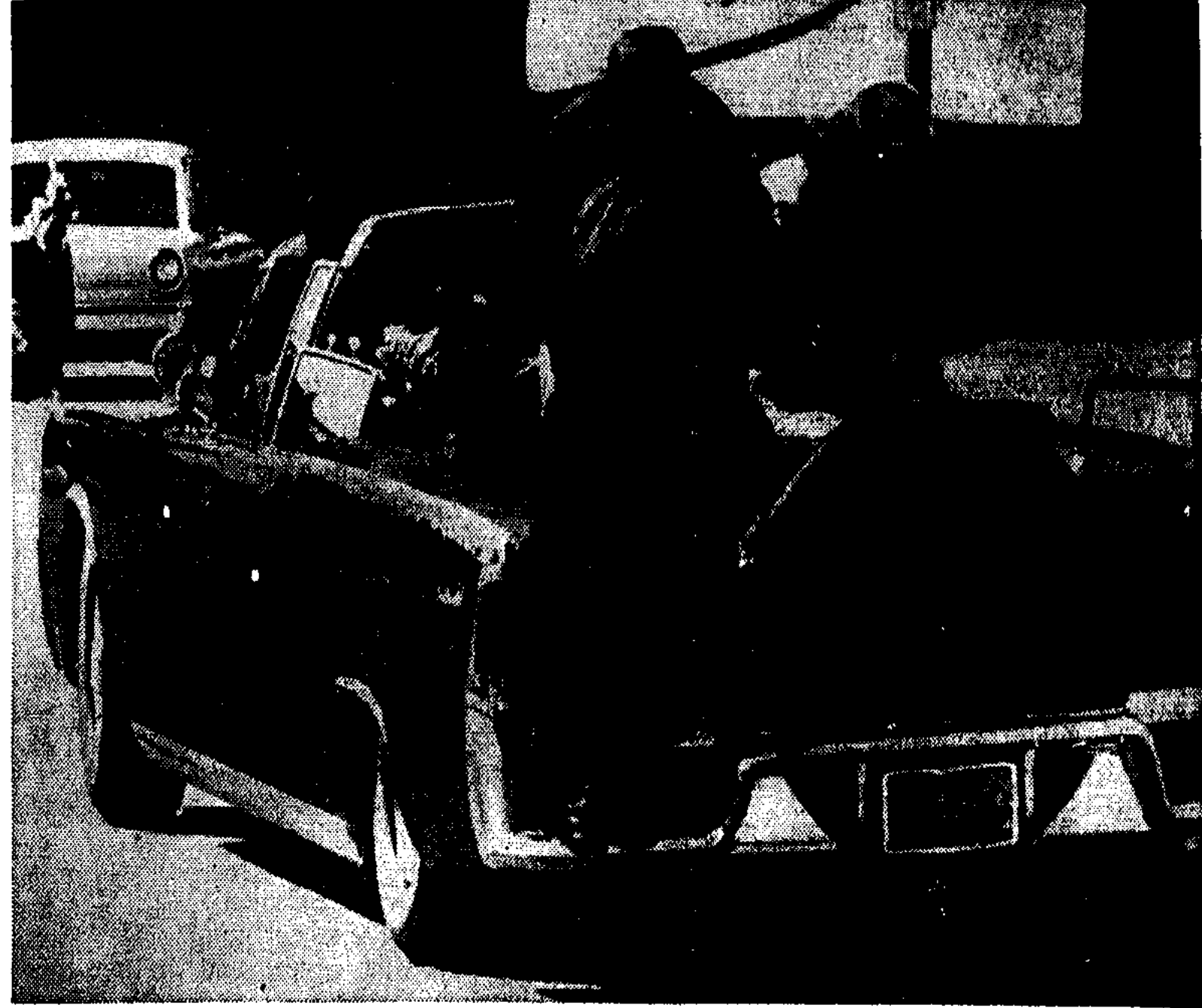
Gov. John B. Connally Jr. of Texas, who
was riding in the same car with Mr. Kennedy,
was severely wounded in the chest, ribs and arm.
His condition was serious, but not critical.

The killer fired the rifle from a building
just off the motorcade route. Mr. Kennedy,

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THE NEW PRESIDENT: Lyndon B. Johnson takes oath before Judge Sarah T. Hughes in plane at Dallas. Mrs. Kennedy and Representative Jack Brooks are at right. To left are Mrs. Johnson and Representative Albert Thomas.



WHEN THE BULLETS STRUCK: Mrs. Kennedy moving to the aid of the President after he was hit by a sniper yesterday in Dallas. A guard mounts rear bumper. Gov. John B. Connally Jr. of Texas, also in the car, was wounded.