

The In The News Column today is devoted to the reaction of political and foreign leaders and other prominent persons to the death of President Kennedy.

Sen. J. W. Fulbright: "It is a tragedy beyond words... an unspeakable crime... I extend my heartfelt sympathy to his family. They have lost a loved one. I have lost a friend. The American people have lost a president who has led his country with wisdom, with honor and with dedication."

Sen. John L. McClellan: "The assassination is a world tragedy the evil consequences of which we immediately foresee. I am shocked beyond expression."

Rep. Wilbur D. Mills: "The untimely and tragic passing of our president leaves me too shaken and stunned to say much at this time. I feel a deep sense of personal loss, shared I am sure by all peace-loving peoples of the world."

Gov. Orval Faubus: "The people of Arkansas join with the other citizens of the United States in extending their sympathies on the tragedy which has befallen President John F. Kennedy and his family."

Rep. Oren Harris: "The news of the president's death comes as a terrible shock to us all. I cannot adequately express my feelings of deep sympathy to Mrs. Kennedy and the family of the president."

Rep. James W. Trimble: "I think it is a very, very tragic thing to happen. I am shocked and saddened."

Rep. E. C. Gathings: "I thought it was a calamity, it was terrible. I don't know what we have to do in this country to protect our chief executive."

Adlai E. Stevenson, United States ambassador to the United Nations: "The tragedy of this day is beyond instant comprehension. All of us who know him will bear the grief of his death to the day of our days. And all men everywhere who love peace and justice and freedom will bow their heads. At such a moment we can only turn to prayer—Prayer to comfort our grief, to sustain Mrs. Kennedy and his family, to strengthen President Johnson and to guide us in time to come. May God help us."

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower: "I share the sense of shock and dismay that all Americans feel at the despicable act that resulted in the death of our nation's president. Mrs. Eisenhower and I join with all other citizens in expressing our personal grief and prayerful concern for Mrs. Kennedy and all other members of the family."

President Charles de Gaulle of France: "President Kennedy died as a soldier, under fire, doing his duty in the service of his country. In the name of the French people, a friend always to the American people, I salute this great example and this great memory."

Sir Winston Churchill: "The assassination is a monstrous act which has taken from us a great statesman and a wise and valiant man. The death of the United States and to the world is incalculable."

Sir Alex Douglas-Home: "The prime minister has shared with the most profound grief and horror of the death by assassination of the president of the United States."

Gov. Ross R. Barnett: "I am profoundly shocked and deeply distressed at the cowardly act which resulted in the death of President Kennedy."

Gov. George C. Wallace: "We are saddened by the news... It is hard to believe that anyone would shoot at the president of the United States. It is the same as if they had shot at you and me."

Former President Harry S. Truman: "I am shocked beyond words. The president's death is a great personal loss to the country and to me. He was an able president, one the people loved and trusted."

Evangelist Billy Graham: "Last week I had such a strong premonition that the president would not go to Texas that I tried unsuccessfully to reach him through Sen. George Smathers of Florida. He wanted to talk to the president, but it occurred to me that it might sound ridiculous. If ever America needed prayer, it is now."

Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller of New York: "This is a shocking and terrible tragedy for the nation and the world. I join Mrs. Rockefeller and I join with all New Yorkers and every American in extending my heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Kennedy and the President's family. May God grant President Johnson strength and guidance to Lyndon B. Johnson as he assumes the grave responsibilities under these tragic circumstances. The prayers of all New Yorkers are for the peace and stability of the nation and the free world. At this time I cannot find words..."

Sen. George Smathers: "The United States has lost a great and beloved president, the free world a courageous and stalwart leader. I have lost close and dear friend."

Arkansas Gazette.

Little Rock Forecast: Partly cloudy and colder today; clear and colder tonight. Fair and warmer Sunday afternoon. A high of 54 is forecast today and a low of 28 tonight. Friday's high was 70, the low 47. (Details, Weather Map, Page 5B.)

President Kennedy Is Slain; Sniper's Bullet in Dallas; Vice President Is Sworn In

New President Will Continue JFK Policies

By LESLIE CARPENTER
Special Staff Writer
WASHINGTON—Those who know President Lyndon B. Johnson best emphasized Friday night that he has been—and will continue to be—a sincere supporter of all major programs and policies, both foreign and domestic, of President Kennedy.

It is unlikely, they said, that there will be any significant shift in the objective goals of the Kennedy administration through the remainder of President Johnson's term.

President Johnson is by wide measure the most qualified and best prepared man for the presidency who ever moved into office because of the death of his predecessor.

He spent 23 years in the United States House and Senate, rising to a position of personal power and influence almost without equal in the history of the Capitol before his election as vice president in 1960.

If any pattern of behavior of the new president's has stood out clearly through the early days of his administration, it is his care and caution in making important decisions.

Never a snap judgment man, he is famous for seeking the advice of numerous minds before moving. President Johnson particularly has sought to hear both sides argued as persuasively as possible before reaching the final decision himself.

Members of the cabinet and members of the White House staff are necessarily applying to the president's personal and political "family" and are always regarded as such.



President Johnson is sworn in; Mrs. Kennedy, still in shock, is at right.

Presidential Jet Returns Body Aboard Jet

Johnsons Accompany Mrs. Kennedy on Trip
From Gazette Press Services
WASHINGTON—The body of President Kennedy was flown back to Washington Friday night in the same Air Force plane that took him on his ill-fated trip to Texas.

The presidential jet air-liner—with Mrs. Kennedy, the new president, Lyndon B. Johnson, and Mrs. Johnson also aboard—landed at Andrews Air Force Base shortly after 4:48 p. m. (CST).

It was greeted there by a reinforced cordon of airmen, in dress uniform with rifles and bayonets. The normal honor guard of 16 men was doubled to 32, and six additional airmen were armed.

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Oath Taken Aboard Jet

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Lee H. Oswald in Handcuffs.

Governor of Texas, Also in Limousine, Wounded Seriously

Police Arrest Former Turncoat, Charge Him With Assassination
From Gazette Press Services

DALLAS—President John F. Kennedy was shot and killed Friday by a hidden gunman while riding in a motorcade in downtown Dallas. Gov. John B. Connally of Texas, who was in the same car with the president, was severely wounded by the assassin.

Mr. Kennedy, 46, the 35th president of the United States, was mortally wounded at 12:31 p. m. (CST) as he smiled and waved at a welcoming crowd.

The president died at 1 p. m. at nearby Parkland Hospital. His wife, Jacqueline, cradled her husband's head in her arms during the frantic dash to the hospital.

Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson, 55, who was riding in the third car behind Mr. Kennedy in the motorcade, was sworn in at 2:39 p. m. as America's 36th chief executive.

The assassin fired at the president from a six-story building just off the motorcade route through Dallas.

Within an hour of the assassination, police jailed a suspect, Lee Harvey Oswald, 24, an employee in the building and an ex-Marine who once defected to Russia.

Friday night, Oswald was charged with the murder of President Kennedy, according to Police Chief Jesse Curry of Dallas.

Oswald renounced his American citizenship in 1959 and went to the Soviet Union. Russian authorities refused him citizenship and he returned to the United States.

Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy, who spent Thursday night at Fort Worth, flew to Dallas Friday morning. They joined Governor and Mrs. Connally and Vice President Mrs. Johnson for the motorcade trip to the Texas Trade Mart near downtown Dallas.

Crowds jammed the curbs. Secret Service men ran alongside the president's car, while Dallas motorcycle police formed a phalanx in front of the limousine.

The president's car—with the protective bubble removed—was moving down an incline into an underpass that leads to a freeway route to the Trade Mart, where he was to speak, when the assassin fired.

Witnesses Tell of Three Shots
Witnesses said three shots rang out. President Kennedy fell over sideways on his face toward the seat. Doctors said later that one shot apparently had torn through both his throat and the back of his head. Mrs. Kennedy screamed, "Oh, no!"

Governor Connally, 46, riding on the jump seat facing Mr. Kennedy, fell face forward to the floor of the car. His wife, who was seated next to him, got down on her knees beside the governor.

Connally was struck in the chest. Doctors said he also suffered a wrist and leg wound. His condition Friday night was described as satisfactory by attendants at Parkland Hospital.

Pandemonium seized the crowd. Secret Service men took out automatic rifles and pistols but didn't shoot. Dallas police went charging up a grassy knoll in an adjoining park.

The Secret Service man driving Mr. Kennedy's automobile whirled the car off toward Parkland Hospital with the president's White House physician, Rear Adm. George Burkley, in a car close behind.

Mrs. Kennedy, her bright pink wool suit splattered with blood, stroked her husband's brow and, at the hospital, she clung to him and helped lift him to a stretcher.

Ten doctors gathered in the emergency surgical ward. The president's throat was opened to relieve breathing. Blood and fluids were administered intravenously. Physicians labored to keep respiration at a life-sustaining level.

President Wounded in Throat and Neck
Dr. Malcolm Perry, 34, an attending surgeon, and Dr. Kemp Clark, 38, chief of neurosurgery at Parkland Hospital, gave details of Mr. Kennedy's wounds. Mr. Kennedy was hit by a bullet in the throat, just below the Adam's apple, they said. This wound had the appearance of a bullet's entry.

Mr. Kennedy also had a massive, gaping wound in the back and on the right side of his head. The doctors said it was impossible to determine in the short time whether the wounds were caused by one bullet or by two.

If by one, apparently the bullet entered the president's neck and ranged upward through his head.

Rev. Oscar Huber of Holy Trinity Church was summoned to administer the last rites to the first Roman Catholic ever elected to the presidency of the United States.

Apparently, only the physicians were present when he died.

His wife was waiting in another room of the building. So was President Johnson. A man with a history of heart trouble, doctors and White House aides were worried about the effect of the shock on Johnson.

Within a short time after Kennedy's death, a bronze casket was brought out of the hospital and placed in a... (Continued on Page 2A.)