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Assassin's Bullet Fells President on Dallas Street

Gravely Wounded, He Slumped Into Wife's Lap; Governor of Texas Also Hit; Nation Is Shocked

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WASHINGTON (AP)
--- Government sources said today that President Kennedy is dead.

DALLAS (UPI) — President Kennedy was shot and gravely wounded by a would-be assassin today as he drove through downtown Dallas in an open car with Texas Gov. John B. Connally

Mrs. Kennedy apparently was safe, it appeared.

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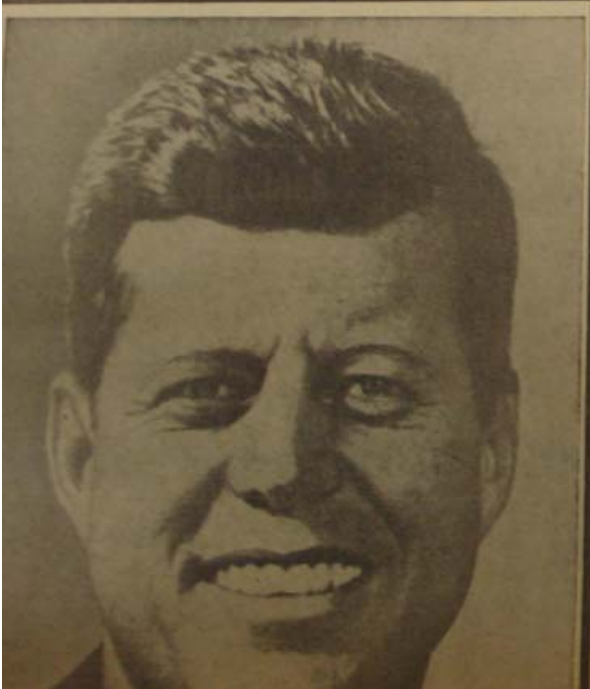
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Johnson Takes Oath Of Office

President Kennedy Shot To Death

How The Sad News Affected Augusta



By EVERETT W. WEBB
Shocked horrified stunned

This was Augusta Friday afternoon, as the word of President John F. Kennedy's assassination spread throughout the city.

In the words of one citizen: "All other things seem mighty trivial don't they!"

Heavy, weather-laden clouds hung over the city from mid-morning, making Friday a generally gloomy day here.

And then the news came. This reporter was in the messenger's room of the county courthouse. Justice Randolph A. Weatherbee was hearing a civil case.

THE telephone rang. Clerk of Courts Erskine L. Dodge answered the call. There was a silence, and the expression on his face changed rapidly. It was a calm, relaxed expression as he spoke into the receiver, but changed as he heard the news. Face muscles tensed. Disbelief replaced the calm.

"No," he said in a stunned reaction. "The President and Gov. Connally of Texas have been shot!" He notified Justice Weather-



DALLAS (AP) — Lyndon B. Johnson was sworn in as President of the United States at about 1:29 p.m. CST today.

Johnson took the oath aboard the presidential plane at Dallas, Love Field. He was preparing to fly to Washington to take over the government.

DALLAS (AP)—President John F. Kennedy, thirty-sixth president of the United States, was shot to death today by a hidden assassin armed with a high-powered rifle.

Kennedy, 46, lived about 30 minutes after a sniper cut him down as his limousine left downtown Dallas. Newsmen said the shot that hit him was fired about 12:30 p.m. CST. A hospital announcement said he died at approximately 1 p.m. of a bullet wound in the head.

MANTLE
Automatically the mantle of the presidency fell to Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson, a native Texan who had been riding two cars behind the chief executive.

There was no immediate word on when Johnson would take the oath of office.

Asst. presidential press secretary Malcolm Kilduff said Johnson was not hit. The new President previously had been reported wounded.

Kennedy died at Parkland Hospital where his bullet-pierced body had been taken in a frantic but futile effort to save his life.

GOVERNOR
Lying wounded at the same hospital was Gov. John Connally of Texas, who was cut down by the same fusillade that ended the life of the youngest man ever elected to the presidency.

Connally and his wife had been riding with the President and Mrs. Kennedy. The First Lady cradled her

assailed his ultraconservative critics.

Dallas is considered a center of conservative philosophy and finance.

Here, on Oct. 24, Adlai E. Stevenson was spat upon by one heckler and struck by another after making a United Nations Day address.

It was believed that Kennedy's body would be moved shortly to Washington.

Traditionally, funeral services for presidents who die in office are held in the capital city.

Kilduff told newsmen in Gov. Connally, a Democrat, was wounded in the right arm in the same ambush that led to the President's death. Connally was rushed into surgery for a two-hour emergency operation. Connally also was hit in right wrist.

"OH, NO"
Through Mrs. Kennedy's "Oh, No," in horror and grief after her husband was shot, she did not utter a word in hysteria. When he entered the hospital, she was seen

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Sniper Slays Kennedy; Johnson Is President

Johnson Takes Office Oath Board Plane Ready Fly to Capital

Members of Cabinet to Fly Home

Japan for Conference

Johnson was President of the United States at about 2:39 p. m. in Dallas. He was administered the oath by the late Texas Gov. John Connally. He was to Washington to take the thirty-

Senators to Vote Special Homage

The Nebraska Legislature, which had adjourned for the day, was called back for a special meeting at 4 p. m. at Governor Morrison's request.

Lieut. Gov. Dwight Burney said he expected Governor Morrison to be on hand.

Senator Harold Stryker of Rising City said the Legislature would "adopt appropriate resolutions and pay homage to our deceased President."

Senate Goes Into Recess



Gunman Fires at Car, Texas Governor Also Is Cut Down by Bullets

Dallas, Tex. (UPI)—President Kennedy was shot and fatally wounded by an assassin Friday as he drove through downtown Dallas in an open car with Texas Gov. John B. Connally. He died in less than an hour.

Two priests who were called to give him the last rites of the Roman Catholic Church told reporters that Mr. Kennedy had died at 1 p. m. (CST). Government sources confirmed this.

The priests came out of the ward at approximately 1:37 p. m. (CST).

The announcement by the priests brought audible sobs from a crowd of scores of newsmen and other citizens crowded around the emergency ward entrance.

The President and Governor were rushed to the hospital with Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy, who was in the same car, cradling her husband's head in her lap. He was shot in the right temple.

Minutes after the shooting a Secret Service man was heard to say: 'He's dead.'

Governor Connally said he talked to the G

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On Friday, November 22, we remember a painful day in our nation's history. Exactly fifty years ago, on Friday, November 22, 1963, President John F. Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas, Texas. Just a few days earlier, Kennedy had visited our area, flying from Tampa to Dallas that fateful day.

Roads and places were named in his honor, such as the renaming of Tampa's main east/west thoroughfare as Kennedy Boulevard and the renaming of Cape Canaveral as Kennedy Space Center.

This exhibit recalls those moments in the fall of 1963 that may seem distant to so many people today. Yet, to those who were alive at the time, many of them still remember to this day where they were when they heard the news of President Kennedy's untimely death.

The Poynter Library has an archive of more than 400 newspapers from the hours and days following the assassination. In addition, our library has an excellent collection of books related to this period of American history.