

Media of World Gathered Here

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Four Western Union operators are sending an average of 18,000 words a day written by correspondents covering preliminary stages of the Jack Ruby murder trial in Dallas.

That figure will jump to perhaps 100,000 words a day as suspense in the outcome of the trial increases.

Thousands upon thousands of additional words are being phoned directly to offices by other reporters.

Sven Oste of Ekstrabladet, a Copenhagen daily, phones at noon, for instance. That is 7 p.m. in Denmark.

Operators may number 20 before the trial is over, said Floyd Kemp, Western Union's supervisor of the press-room set up in the probate court.

The Dallas County courthouse is taking on an international flavor.

Pinned to a bulletin board in the old press-room is a note: "Charles Laros, call home (Switzerland)."

During lulls in the questioning of prospective jurors, one can hear the murmur of a couple of French reporters interpreting for each other.

The list of news media, other than local, now represented or soon to be represented at the trial includes:

Agence France Presse; Switzerland's Blick; the Boston Herald-Tribune; Canadian Broadcasting Co.; CBS; the Chicago Daily News; Italy's Corriere Della Sera; Czechoslovak News Agency.

Sweden's Dagens Nyheter; Denver Post; Detroit Free Press; Detroit News; Hamburg's Die Welt; Copenhagen's Ekstrabladet; Stockholm's Expression; the French Broadcasting Co.; Hearst Newspapers; the Kansas City Star; Germany's Kindler Revue.

Life Magazine; the London Daily Herald; London Daily Express; London Daily Mail; London Daily Mirror; London Daily Telegraph; London Evening News; London Evening Standard; London Sunday Times.

The Los Angeles Times; Miami News; National Observer; New York Herald Tribune; New York Post; Newsweek Magazine; New York Times; Paris Match.

Reuters International News Service; Sydney Morning Herald; Time Magazine; Toronto Telegram; Toronto Star; United Feature Syndicate; Winnipeg Tribune.

New York's WNEW; the New York Daily News; Germany's Sueddeutsche Zeitung; Le Figaro; France Soir; the Saturday Evening Post; Washington Evening Star.

The New Republic; MacMillan Co.; Artist; Fort Worth Press; Associated Press; Houston Chronicle; Hearst News of the Day; Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

NBC; Swedish Broadcasting Corp.; Stockholm's Aftonbladet; United Press International; British Broadcasting System; Europe Number One; Christian Science Monitor; Denver Post; Houston Post; UPI Newfilm; Pyramid Publishing Co.; and Portales New Mexico Tribune.

Others like Bulgaria News Agency and Poland's Trybuna Ludu may send representatives later.

J. E. Petty, regional manager of Western Union International Inc., is coordinating the filing of copy by foreign correspondents.

He said Wednesday that while the operators' language is English, they are able to send in any language as long as the message is written in English characters.

The average operator can send about 60 words a minute—as long as there aren't too many words like "geschworenenkandidat," meaning jury candidate or venireman, in the Blick correspondent's copy.

ASSASSINATION

Parkland To Preserve 3 Records

Parkland Hospital's medical records of President John Kennedy, Gov. John Connally and Lee Harvey Oswald will become a part of the hospital's permanent records.

They are "hospital records which have to be maintained in the hospital," according to C. Jack Price, hospital administrator.

A statement on the disposal of the records was made Wednesday at the regular monthly meeting of the board of managers of the Dallas County Hospital District, which operates Parkland and Woodlawn Hospitals.

It was prompted by the request, through a Dallas physician, that the records be allowed to go to the American Medical Association's national headquarters in Chicago, Ill. The physician was Dr. Milford O. Rouse, speaker of the AMA's House of Delegates.

Dr. Rouse later sent a personal check for \$100 to be used toward permanent safekeeping of the records, a check which the board formally accepted Wednesday.

Edward R. Maher, chairman of the board, gave assurance that the board will arrange for the records to be kept "in the most permanent form we can devise."

It was to Parkland that the late President Kennedy and Gov. Connally were taken following the Nov. 22 shooting here. Oswald was taken to Parkland after he was shot Nov. 24.

The board also approved free accounts for the month of January amounting to \$666,878.87 and uncollectable pay accounts in the amount of \$71,110.07 for the same month.