

Suspect Captured In Movie Theater

"I protest this police brutality," cried President Kennedy's suspected assassin as police dragged him from the darkened Texas Theater in Oak Cliff Friday afternoon.

A crowd of several hundred pressed forward, chanting, "Kill the S.O.B.!"

Had not officers moved quickly and with authority, 24-year-old Lee Harvey Oswald might have suffered a worse fate than the world leader he is suspected of killing.

Mrs. Julie Postal of 2728 SeEVERS, cashier at the theater at 231 W. Jefferson, had called police shortly before 2 p.m. and reported "a strange-acting man."

She had been told by a shoe store manager that a man had been ducking in and out of stores as police sirens wailed in the area. She was told the man had run into the theater.

"I really don't remember if I

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saw him go in or not," she said, "but apparently this man was running from the police for something. I had been listening about President Kennedy's death and was so shook up I couldn't notice much of anything."

When Mrs. Postal realized that the man said to be inside was probably the culprit the police were searching for, she told the shoe store man and an employe of the theater to "look around in there."

They couldn't find anyone, but as they passed the back section of the middle aisle downstairs, they heard a seat snap or crack.

About this time police—only a few blocks away at the scene of the shooting of Policeman J. D. Tippit at 400 E. Jefferson—surged en masse into the theater.

"Watch him, he's armed," shouted ne detective. "I'll get that SOB if he's in there," replied another.

Minutes later three policemen dragged the screaming, kicking ex-Marine out.

Police tried to put one of their caps over the man's face and another held his mouth shut as they piled him in an unmarked police car. Five policemen went along.

The crowd was angry, but the scene had switched too fast for it to act.

Officer M. N. McDonald was the officer who said he disarmed Oswald. He suffered a scratch along the face.

"He knew what I was there for," said Officer McDonald. "He didn't give too much trouble."

When Oswald was captured, the movie "War is Hell" was on the screen.