

Oswald Arrogance Irks Prosecutor

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A prosecutor described Lee Harvey Oswald Saturday as "the most arrogant person I've ever met."

Assistant Dist. Atty. William F. Alexander made no secret

of his personal dislike of the Communist sympathizer accused of murdering President Kennedy.

Alexander, who spent 15 minutes with Oswald in a room at police headquarters, told The Dallas News:

"As a lawyer and officer of the court, I will do everything I can to see that Oswald gets a fair trial. But, as an individual, I detest him. He's the most arrogant person I've ever met. I got the impression he enjoys being in the spotlight. It's obvious he is a Communist sympathizer."

Alexander said he notified Oswald he had been charged with the murder of Police Officer J. D. Tippit, who was shot shortly after a hidden assassin killed President Kennedy.

(Dist. Atty. Henry Wade filed another complaint which accused Oswald of murdering President Kennedy.)

Alexander said Oswald told

him, "Don't tell me about it. Tell my legal representative."

The assistant district attorney said he asked Oswald to identify the legal representative, but he refused.

(The suspect's family said he did not have a lawyer at the time.)

Later, Alexander continued, Oswald snapped, "The way you're treating me, I'd might as well be in Russia."

Oswald defected to Russia after serving in the Marines, but returned to the United States voluntarily with the help of a U.S. State Department loan.)

Alexander related that Justice of the Peace David Johnston, who accepted the murder complaint, advised Oswald of his legal rights and emphasized he was not required to make a statement.

"He kept interrupting to say that he was insisting on his constitutional rights," Alexander said. "He claimed we were mistreating him, but I've never seen a murder suspect handled more considerately. He dished out a lot of verbal abuse, but I didn't see anything to indicate anyone had abused him."