

Suspected Assassin Has Lived in Russia

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A 24-year-old admittedly "pro-Castro" man who had lived for some years in Russia and claimed to have sought Soviet citizenship was the leading suspect Friday night in the assassination of President Kennedy and the subsequent killing of a Dallas police officer, Lee H. Oswald, formerly of Fort Worth, was cornered and wrestled out of the Texas Theater, 231 W. Jefferson in Oak Cliff, about 2 p.m. as a gathering crowd yelled to "Kill him! Kill him!"

Police had been searching for Oswald since being informed that he had been on the sixth floor of the Texas School Book Depository Building about the time the shots that killed President Kennedy and wounded Gov. Connally were fired from that location.

Charles Givens, a porter at the building Houston and Elm, said

when Givens left to watch the parade. Oswald's arrest at the Texas Theater dramatically launched the hunt for the President's killer— which ignited a search when someone whose identity is not known notified police that an officer had been killed in Oak Cliff. The call came in to a police squad car radio.

Investigating officers found the body of Patrolman J. D. Tippitt, father of three, sprawled near his squad car in the 400 block of East Jefferson. He had been shot in the forehead twice with a .38-caliber weapon. In the ensuing search, officers checked various stores and buildings in a 5-block area, finally reaching the Texas Theater.

Officers entered the theater from the front and back and began to check the five levels

from the rear, fifth seat from the right aisle, Oswald stood up and said, "This is it." He reacted toward his belt and attempted to pull a gun, McDonnell said. In the scuffle, the trigger was pulled but the gun did not fire. Seven policemen grabbed Oswald and took him to the squad car as the gathering crowd cursed him.

He was taken to police headquarters for questioning by Houston Capt. Will Fritz — behind closed doors and witnessed only by lawmen and police stringers.

Fritz told reporters that Oswald, whose home address was listed as 1025 N. Beckley, admitted being in the Texas School Book Depository Building until police arrived after the assassination. But he stressed he had

no shot anyone. Officers searched the building