

# Slain Policeman Is Honored by Dallas

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DALLAS, Nov. 25 — Dallas shut off its bustling commerce today to join the nation in mourning President Kennedy and to honor a policeman who died while trying to arrest the President's accused assassin.

"Big D," as Dallas residents call the city, looked like a ghost town as residents stayed home, watching the funeral services on television or visited churches for prayer or memorial services.

There were rumors of further violence—that Jack Ruby, accused of killing Lee H. Oswald in the police station yesterday, had taken his own life with poison; that the district attorney had been assassinated—but both proved false. They showed the city was on edge.

"Dallas is a city undergoing the dark night of the soul," The Times-Herald said in an editorial. "We are city trying to find ourselves."

## Streets Are Quiet

It was a cool, clear day and the city's buildings glistened in the sun. The streets were quiet, even when crowds gathered at the spot where Mr. Kennedy was shot and at a suburban Baptist church where funeral services were held for the slain policeman, J. D. Tippitt.

About 2,000 persons crowded around the Beckley Hills Baptist Church for the service, which was shown on television here following the President's funeral.

The Rev. C. D. Tipps Jr. said the 39-year-old police officer was killed by "a poor, confused, misguided assassin, as was the President."

Mr. Tippitt was shot three times when he tried to arrest Oswald, the President's accused assassin.

Mr. Tippitt leaves a widow and three small children. President Johnson and Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy telephoned

Mrs. Tippitt to express their sorrow before the funeral.

The police officer was buried in a memorial court of honor in Laurel Land Memorial Park. The court was set aside a year ago for those who had given their lives in community service.

## Oswald Buried

While Dallas citizens were preoccupied with the two funerals Oswald was buried in nearby Fort Worth, where he had grown up. Most Dallas residents knew nothing of Oswald's

funeral until it was over.

Crowds gathered all day on the grassy plots adjacent to the place where the President was assassinated.

They came not only from Dallas and adjoining communities but from distant states. They placed four wreaths on the grass, stared up at the sixth floor window of the yellow-brick building.

Meanwhile, leaders in the city continued to search for answers as to why the assassination and yesterday's shooting of Oswald had occurred.

"Even if we are staggered by one violent discharge of hate following another," The Times-Herald said, "the citizens of Dallas are surely engaging in the greatest spiritual self-examination any American community has undergone in this century."

The Rev. Michael V. McLane said, "It may be trite, but nevertheless true, that pride goeth before a fall." He referred to the city's pride in bigness and commerce.

## Return to Normal Urged

At the same time The Dallas News told citizens they needed to "banish any feelings of rancor and guilt" and to settle down to "normal living." The News said in an editorial:

"Our foundations are sound, our leadership solid, our aspirations high. The good God who watches over us tempers our

ease with difficulty. A city, like a tree, must weather the winds of adversity to reach the heights of stature."

Many of the city's ministers and other leaders insisted that there were problems peculiar to Dallas that should be corrected.

"There has been brought forth in our town in the last few weeks a force of hatred that has erupted like a flame in two different instances," Dr. Walter A. Bennett, pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church declared.

Another minister, the Rev. William B. Johnson, Jr., a Methodist, said the hate was not confined to the irresponsible. He said:

"At a nice, respectable dinner party only two nights before the President's visit to our city, a bright young couple with a fine education, with a promising professional future, said to their friends that they hated the President of the United States—and that they would not care one bit if somebody did take a potshot at him."

## \$300 Donated for Tippitts

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Nov. 25 (AP)—More than \$300 was donated to Mr. Tippitt's family today by the congregation attending an interdenominational memorial service for President Kennedy. The worshippers left coins and bills as they filed out of the First Baptist Meeting House after the service.

## Football Team's Gift

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 25 (AP)—Pete Retzlaff, president of the National Football League Players Association, said today that President Johnson had approved a plan of the Philadelphia Eagles players to donate part of yesterday's pay to the widow of Mr. Tippitt.

Mr. Retzlaff said he expected to raise about \$2,000. He expressed the hope that management would match it.