

# Oswald Had Job in Book Building Before Parade Was Set Up

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DALLAS, Nov. 29—Lee Harvey

Oswald's employment in a building along the parade route that President John F. Kennedy would travel apparently was happenstance.

Statements by persons familiar with the circumstances indicated yesterday that Oswald had no way of knowing when he took the job at the Texas School Book Depository that it would provide a vantage point for assassinating the President.

Oswald returned to Dallas early in October after a trip to Mexico and began looking for work, persons who saw him daily at that time said.

It had been announced in

Dallas on Sept. 28 that President Kennedy would visit Dallas but no parade route was disclosed. The parade route was not decided until Wednesday before the President's arrival on Friday and was not published until Thursday, the day before his death.

While Oswald was looking for work his Russian-born wife and child lived with Mrs. Michael E. Paine, a friend, in Irving, a small town near Dallas.

Wesley Randle, a teen-age neighbor of Mrs. Paine, said he heard that Oswald was looking for a job and told Mrs. Paine that he knew of one at the Texas School Book Depository. Mrs. Paine called about the job and

on Oct. 14 Oswald applied for the job. He was accepted and started work the next day, Oct. 15, as a \$1.25-an-hour stock clerk.

## Investigation Goes On

In New Orleans, federal investigators continued their efforts to understand the mind of Oswald.

Oswald lived in New Orleans for 20 weeks last summer.

What he did in the months preceding the President's assassination last Friday has occupied a team of Federal Bureau of Investigation agents since then. One of their biggest breaks came Wednesday when they traced some of the library books that the 24-year-old New Orleans-born Oswald read in the summer.

One of the books was a biography of President Kennedy. Another, which he borrowed from the library on the same day, was a chronicle of the assassination of Huey Long, Louisiana politician and demagogue.

## Books on Communism

Oswald read several books on Communism—none of them favorable to the cause—between late May and late July.

"The books were all returned," chief librarian Jerome Cushman said. "None were overdue."

When the book on Mr. Kennedy was examined today, it bore this rubber-stamped phrase on the fly leaf: "Fair Play for Cuba Committee, New Orleans, La."

In early August, Oswald came to the public's notice. He announced that he was the New Orleans organizer of the committee, which supports the Fidel Castro regime.

The book on President Ken-

nedy was "Portrait of a President," by W. R. Manchester. Oswald's library card number, N8640, was entered on the book's card with the date June 15, 1963.

## Other Books

The other books checked out by Oswald at the Napoleon branch of the New Orleans public library were:

"The Berlin Wall," by Deane and David Heller, checked out June 15.

"Portrait of a Revolutionary: Mao Tse-Tung," by P.S.R. Payne, checked out June 5. (Instead of Oswald's library card's number this book's card contained the notation "L. H. Oswald," printed in pencil.)

"The Huey Long Murder Case," by Hermann B. Deutsch, checked out June 15.

"Soviet Potential: A Geographic Appraisal," by George B. Cressey, checked out July 1.

"What We Must Know About Communism," by Harry and Bonaro Overstreet, checked out July 1.

"Russia Under Khrushchev," by Alexander Werth, checked out July 24.

The books were discovered when Oswald's public library number was checked against numbers in books on the shelves of the branch library. Mrs. Ruth Lucas, the branch librarian, noted that other books read by Oswald might be out on loan from the library now.

#### Few Works on Cuba

Mrs. Lucas said the branch library, six blocks from an apartment that Oswald rented last summer, contains only a few books on Cuba—a prime interest of the alleged assassin. None of the books on Cuba were examined Wednesday bore the Oswald's card number.

Federal Bureau of Investigation agents visited the library Wednesday night and began a systematic check, removing the cards from pockets in the back of hundreds of books. They found seven science fiction books that Oswald had borrowed. The library contains about 7500 books.

Thousands of dollars are piling up at Dallas police headquarters earmarked for the family of patrolman J. D. Tippit, shot down by Oswald.

#### Funds for Family

Although the majority of the money is for the Tippit fund, officers said contributions are also being received for the widow and two infant children of Oswald.

An office in city hall, adjacent to that of Police Chief Jesse Curry, resembled an overflowing mailroom as six men went through letters, counted the money and tabulated pledges.

Contributions are being received at such a rapid rate that accountants are unable to reach a total.

The Dallas Morning News said Oswald's mother said he told her he was questioned three times by the FBI before Mr. Kennedy was assassinated.

The newspaper said Oswald's mother, Mrs. Marguerita Oswald, 56, told sources close to the family that her son had said he was interviewed by the FBI three times in eight months.

The first time was in Fort Worth in 1962, after Oswald returned from Russia, the second in New Orleans last summer, when Oswald was arrested for distributing pro-Castro literature and the last time was after the family moved to Irving last September, the paper said.

Oswald's mother said he never told the FBI anything they wanted to know and seemed to regard it as "a big joke."

Chief Curry said he understood that the FBI had questioned Oswald Nov. 16, only six days before the assassination. The FBI denied the interview and called Chief Curry's statement inaccurate.