

OSWALD, AS BOY, HAD MENTAL TEST

Was Reportedly Diagnosed
as 'Potentially Dangerous'
by Psychiatrist Here

Lee H. Oswald, accused assassin of President Kennedy, underwent a court-ordered psychiatric examination here in 1953, when he was 13 years old.

Details of the case came to light yesterday. Judge Florence M. Kelley, presiding judge of the Family Court, said she had turned the records in the case over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The New York Post said in a copyright article that a psychiatrist's report in the case had found that Oswald showed schizophrenic tendencies and was "potentially dangerous." The Post said that Oswald's mother had found him ungovernable.

Oswald lived in the Bronx from March, 1952, to January, 1953, while his mother was working as a saleswoman here. He attended Junior High School 117 and, later, Junior High School 44, both in the Bronx.

Commitment Sought

The Post said Oswald had a record of persistent truancy, and was brought before the old Bronx Domestic Relations Court, Children's Branch, in a case docketed as No. 2379. The Domestic Relations Court has since been replaced by the Family Court.

Under the law, the record in a case involving a minor may not be disclosed, except at the discretion of the presiding judge of the Family Court. The Post quoted Judge Kelley as saying that she had exercised her discretionary power for this reason:

"Oswald is dead, and, if this kind of report could cast light on what kind of person he was, that would be in the national interest."

Judge Kelley said Oswald underwent psychiatric treatment after his court appearance. She refused to give further details

of the case.

None of the four judges assigned to the Bronx Domestic Relations Court in 1953 could be reached for comment on the case. One of the four died in 1957, and the three others have since left the bench.

The Post said its information

about the nature of the psychiatric report came "from other sources." It said that the report had recommended that Oswald be committed to an institution for unruly youths, but that the court had rejected the recommendation.

The Post article gave these additional details:

A probation officer in New York City recalled Oswald's name when he heard that the 24-year-old former Marine had been arrested in the death of Mr. Kennedy. The file in the case was then found and turned over to Judge Kelley.

School officials said Oswald's record of attendance at Junior High School 117 was very poor, with an average of three absences reported for every day he was in school. The principal, Mrs. Sylvia Minniberg, said Oswald had been there for one term and "didn't do well."

Oswald transferred to Junior High School 44 in December, 1952, and it was apparently while he was at that school that he was referred to the Domestic Relations Court.

In this period, Oswald is reported to have suffered some difficulty with his hearing, following a mastoid operation some months earlier. Later, this difficulty disappeared.

Last night Nicholas Cicchetti, the present principal of Junior