

# Gunsmith Attached Sight for Man Named Oswald

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DALLAS, Nov. 28 — A gunsmith from Irving, Tex., said today he mounted a telescopic sight on a gun for a man named Oswald about a month ago.

The gunsmith, Dial D. Ryder, said he could not remember what the gun looked like, but could he remember the customer.

Mr. Ryder found a receipt showing that he had mounted and adjusted a sight on a gun for a customer named Oswald. There was no date on the receipt, he said, but the work was done about a month ago. The customer paid \$1.50 for drilling and \$1.50 for bresighting the weapon.

## Ordered Gun From Chicago

Lee H. Oswald, accused assassin of President Kennedy, ordered a 6.5-mm Italian carbine from a mail-order house in Chicago last March. It was equipped with a telescopic sight at the time of the assassination.

"Many people have this kind of work done," Mr. Ryder said. He said he believed a close examination of the Oswald weapon would show that he had not done the work.

The police and agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation refused to disclose information about another gun Oswald was supposed to have

used to kill Patrolman J. D. Tippitt when the officer stopped Oswald following the assassination.

That weapon, a .38-caliber pistol, has been turned over to the F.B.I. with other evidence in the case. It was reported that Oswald bought the pistol about two months ago and that the police have traced the point of its purchase.

Meanwhile, it appeared that Oswald's employment in a building along the parade route that President Kennedy would travel was happenstance.

Statements by persons familiar with the circumstances indicated 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 mysterious trip to Mexico and began looking for work, according to persons who saw him daily at that time.

It had been announced here on Sept. 28 that President Kennedy would visit Dallas, but no parade route was disclosed. The parade route was not decided on until the 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 R. 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 went in and made application. He was accepted and started work the next day, Oct. 15, as a stock clerk at \$1.25 an hour.

Mrs. Paine said when Oswald got the job he had just received his last unemployment check and his wife was expecting the arrival of their second child.

He telephoned from Dallas, Mrs. Paine said, and announced "hooray, I've got a job."

Mrs. Paine said that the sports shop where Mr. Ryder, the gunsmith, works is about

three miles from her home. She did not recall Oswald's making a trip to the shop.

The attorney for Jack Ruby, the Dallas night-club operator accused of shooting and killing Oswald, accused District Attorney Henry Wade of injecting racial prejudice into the case.

Tom Howard, the attorney complained that the indictment listed the defendant's name as Jack Rubenstein when his legal name is Ruby. The name was changed by legal order several years ago.

"The prosecution is continuing its antagonistic Jewish campaign against the defendant and is appealing to racial prejudice," he said.

Mr. Wade denied the charge. "If he wants to stand trial as Jack Ruby and that is his real name, we will try him under that name," Mr. Wade said.