

# OSWALD OPPOSED CHILD'S BAPTISM

## His Wife Arranged a Secret Ceremony for Daughter

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DALLAS, Nov. 29—Lee H. Oswald, the man accused of assassinating President Kennedy, was an atheist so opposed to religion that his wife arranged a secret ceremony for the baptism of their child, it was disclosed today.

The 22-month-old child, June Lee, was baptized in the St. Seraphim Eastern Orthodox Church here about one year ago.

"It was done in secret," said Father Dmitri, the clergyman who performed the ceremony. "The father was an atheist and he was opposed to it."

"I understand they have to do this frequently in Russia," Father Dmitri said.

Oswald's wife Marina was born in Russia. She married Oswald there after he renounced his United States citizenship.

### Kept Under Guard

She and her two daughters have been kept from the public by the Secret Service since Oswald was killed in the Dallas police station two days after President Kennedy's assassination.

Father Dmitri said he saw Mrs. Oswald and the child for the "one brief moment" that the ceremony required. He said he never had met Oswald.

The second Oswald child, born last month, has not been baptized, according to a friend, Mrs. Michael R. Paine. Mrs. Oswald lived with the Paines in Irving, a small town near Dallas.

Oswald was a self-proclaimed Marxist who went to the Soviet Union in 1959. Three years later he returned to the United States, but continued to back pro-Communist causes. Several acquaintances said he had no use for religion of any kind.

A Dallas man who worked with Oswald in a graphic arts plant for several months described him today as "a real kookie guy" who made himself obnoxious to other workers. The man said:

"I seldom saw him smile or laugh or talk with the others. He was just a misfit more or less.

"For instance, there was a narrow path between two developing sinks and the wall with barely enough room for one person. But Lee would crowd through anyway, even though there were many other ways he could have passed.

### Never Apologized

"He'd just barge through,

Holmes, said Oswald rented a post office box in his own name in Dallas on Oct. 9, 1962.

On March 20, 1963, a gun from a mail order house in Chicago was delivered to the box. It was addressed to A. Hidell, a name authorities said Oswald had used as an alias.

This was the gun the Federal Bureau of Investigation said was used to kill President Kennedy.

On May 10, Oswald had the box order transferred to New Orleans, where he lived until late September.

On Nov. 2, after he had returned to Dallas, Oswald rented another box in his own name.

He also listed as organization names the Fair Play for Cuba Committee and the American Civil Liberties Union. He listed A. Hidell as authorized to receive mail through the box.

Both organizations said Oswald had not represented them in any capacity.

Mr. Holmes said no person other than Oswald was authorized to receive mail through the first box he rented, but this did not prevent him from ordering a gun through an alias.

"This is for the protection of the box holder," Mr. Holmes said. "If a package comes to a person not authorized to receive mail, the box holder can refuse it."

Another postal inspector, Ralph Thomas, said no references were required for persons renting post office boxes. He said no identification was required.

Mr. Holmes said Oswald had received Soviet newspapers and first class mail through the box, but there was no record of any packages other than the rifle.

He said the box was still listed in Oswald's name at the time of the assassination.

In Austin, State Attorney General Waggoner Carr indicated he would seek testimony of Oswald's widow in a Court of Inquiry.

Under Texas law, it was reported, a wife can be forced

never apologizing. Finally, someone said something to him about it. They had words. Next time, though, Oswald barged through again. It never did any good to argue because he always did it again.

"Usually he had a book that he would read while he ate his sack lunch. Several times he brought some Russian magazines to work and once I saw him with a copy of The Daily Worker."

Oswald was later dismissed from the job for incompetence.

"He just couldn't seem to do things right," the employe said.

The authorities continued today to piece together Oswald's life in the months before the assassination.

A postal inspector, Harry

to testify in a Court of Inquiry against her husband.

A Texas court ruled several years ago that a wife could be required to testify, but her testimony could not be used as evidence to convict her husband in a criminal case.

The F.B.I. was checking today to determine whether Oswald practiced firing his rifle before the President was killed.

Agents were reported to be investigating several places in Dallas County where bullet-riddled tin cans and silhouette targets were found.