

There Were 2 Oswalds, Wife Says

1 Loved Children; The Other Sat in Dark With His Rifle

WASHINGTON (AP)—And this strange Lee Harvey Oswald, who killed President John F. Kennedy, how did he appear to the woman who knew him best?

The testimony of Oswald's Russian-born wife, Marina, was made public by the Warren Commission Monday and anyone who went through page after page of it could find only a confusing pattern in this confused man's life.

Mrs. Oswald presented this picture:

Oswald was a great reader, who sometimes read for hours in the bathroom so he wouldn't disturb his wife. He was fond of his family—"he loved his children very much," Mrs. Oswald said, "the sort of father who would change diapers, feed the baby and proudly take photographs."

Hated His Mother

Then there was the other Oswald, who hated his mother, who sometimes sat in the dark fondling his rifle, who was secretive and suspicious, who sometimes broke into tears, who thought himself a great man and would become a greater one, who argued frequently with his wife and occasionally hit her, who planned for two months to shoot former Maj. Gen. Edwin A. Walker.

His attempt to kill Walker

was no spur-of-the-moment decision.

After carefully taking pictures of Walker's home, Oswald made the attempt on the night of April 10.

then took the bus. And he turned on the radio and listened, but there were no reports.

"The next day he bought a paper and there he read it was only chance that saved Walker's life. If he had not moved, he might have been killed."

Question — "Did he comment on that at all?"

Mrs. Oswald: "He said only that he had taken very good aim, that it was just chance that caused him to miss."

Sorry He Missed

"He was very sorry he had not hit him."

He was very irritable. Mrs. Oswald said, "sometimes for a trifle, for a trifling reason. . . Lee was very unrestrained and very explosive at that time."

But if he had any particular animosity toward Mr. Kennedy, Oswald never showed it to his wife.

Connally Feelings

As for Gov. John Connally of Texas, critically wounded at the time Mr. Kennedy was killed, there was this testimony:

"Did your husband say anything to you to indicate he had a dislike for Gov. Connally?"

Mrs. Oswald: "Here he didn't say anything. But while we were in Russia he spoke well of him. It seems to me that Connally was running for governor and Lee said that when we would return to the United States he would vote for him."

Then came Nov. 22, 1963, and when Mrs. Oswald heard Mr. Kennedy had been shot, "I went to my room and cried."

Saw in His Eyes

"He said that I should not worry that everything would turn out well. But I could see by his eyes he was guilty. Rather, he tried to be brave. However, by his eyes I could tell he was afraid. . . he said goodbye to me with his eyes. I knew that. He said everything would turn out well, but he did not believe it himself. . . I saw it in his eyes."

That was on Saturday, Nov. 23, the day before Oswald was . . .

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Tells of Shooting

Here's Mrs. Oswald's account:

"When he fired, he did not know whether he had hit Walker or not. He didn't take the bus from there. He ran several kilometers and