

# 3 WITNESSES SAW ASSASSIN SHOOT

## Rifle Spotted in Window— Oswald Described by One

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23 (UPI)—At about 12:20 P.M. on Nov. 22, 1963, 16-year-old Amos Lee Ekins was standing near the corner of Elm and Houston Streets in Dallas, watching President Kennedy's motorcade go by.

As he later recalled in sworn testimony before the Warren Commission, he was across the street from the Texas School Book Depository building and "looking dead at the building."

"I seen this pipe thing sticking out the window," he said. "I wasn't paying too much attention to it. Then when the first shot was fired, I started looking around, thinking it was a backfire. Everybody else started looking around. Then I looked up at the window and he shot again. . . . I could see his hand and I could see his other hand on the trigger."

Young Ekins was one of three eyewitnesses who actually saw the assassin firing the fatal bullet from a sixth-story window. Their testimony was made public today as part of the 26-volume transcript of the Warren Commission's hearing.

The youth was unable to furnish any physical description of the assassin beyond the fact that he had a bald spot on his head. However, Howard Lee Brennan, a 45-year-old steam fitter, got a good look at the man in the window.

Said Mr. Brennan:

"He was standing up . . .

ing positive aim. . . . He drew the gun back from the window as though he was drawing it back to his side and maybe paused for another second as though to assure himself that he hit his mark, and then he disappeared."

Mr. Brennan described the assassin as a "neat, slender" white man in his early 30's, about 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighing from 160 to 170 pounds and dressed in light-colored clothes.

Mr. Brennan picked Lee Harvey Oswald out of a police lineup as a man "closely resembling" the one he saw, but he declined in his first interviews with police and Federal Bureau of Investigation agents to make a positive identification.

He told the Warren Commission later that he actually was fairly certain all along that Oswald was the man but hesitated to identify him positively because he thought the assassination was part of a Communist plot. He said he thought that "if it got to be a known fact that I was an eyewitness to my family or I . . . might not be safe."

The third eyewitness was James Richard Worrell Jr., an unemployed laborer. He testified that he looked up from a sixth-story window after hearing the first shot and saw the rifle aimed at Kennedy.

There was no doubt in Mr. Worrell's mind that the rifle was actually fired. He saw "a little flame and smoke" spit from the barrel on the second and third shots, but he couldn't see the rifleman. **END**