

Sunday 11/24/63

Page 1 "Police Check on Letter and Photo Clue" by James Ewell and Carl Freund
"Earlier Saturday, a fingerprint expert obtained still more evidence when a print matching Oswald's was discovered." Curry says FBI had just told him (Saturday) that they had the "order letter" in Oswald's handwriting. Curry gives price of the rifle as \$12.78. Wade said 3 witnesses had identified Oswald for the Tippit shooting. Police ("they") said also that 3 spent shells found near Tippit's body matched the revolver Oswald had when arrested. The News learned that investigators had at least 2 witnesses who saw Oswald on the 6th floor about the time that shots were fired from the window. Wade emphasized that there was no evidence that Oswald was insane.

Page 2 "Two Sides to Oswald: Withdrawn and "Showy" by Kent Biffle, includes interview with Ruth Paine who said she had met the Oswalds at a party Feb. 1963, declined name other guests. R Paine said Oswald had Marxist views; mentioned that he got the job at TSBD on 15 Oct. but not fact that she helped him get the job. (Or Biffle omitted that.) Michael Paine told the News that Oswald was "somewhat paranoid."

Page 1 (later edition?) "Police Sift Fingerprint and Paraffin Clues" now includes "Wade theorized Officer Tippit did not know Oswald had come from the scene of the President's assassination but intended only to question Oswald as "a routine suspect." Quotes Fritz: "As the bus approached Oak Cliff he switched to a taxi and rode in a cab the rest of the way to his N. Beckley room." The story continues: "Oswald donned a coat in the room, then left hurriedly."

Page 8 "Photographer Sells Pictures of Assassination for \$25,000" Story includes statement that JFK flinches as the first shot strikes him. The second shot strikes JFK in the side of the head toward the back. His head becomes a blur... Zapruder took perfect pictures of a terrible tragedy.

Page 10 "Oswald Arrogance Irks Prosecutor" Story says William Alexander spent 15 minutes with Oswald in a room at police HQ. Alexander said he notified Oswald that he had been charged with the murder of Tippit. (Wade filed another complaint which accused Oswald of murdering the President.) Alexander quotes Oswald: "Don't tell me about it. Tell my legal representative." Later Oswald "snapped" "The way you're treating me, I'd might as well be in Russia."

Page 10 "Grieved Turn Drab Building into Dallas Shrine to JFK" by Carlos Condo.

Story says police closed TSEB where a sniper sat at the window and shot JFK. Interview with Jack Cason, owner with O.V. Campbell of the TSEB, and with Roy Truly, who says Oswald was referred by a lady in Irving. "Truly said he saw Oswald about the building Friday prior to the shootings and there was "no indication of nervousness..." The next time he saw Oswald was right after the shooting when he and a policeman started a check of the building. The policeman threw a gun into Oswald's stomach and asked Truly if Oswald belonged there. Truly told him "yes" and they both went on up...Oswald looked a bit startled "just as you or I would...but he didn't appear too nervous or panicky," Truly said.

Page 11 "FBI Interviewed Oswald, Sources Say, But Denial Comes from Washington"

by James Ewell. Story ~~may~~ reports indications that FBI interviewed Oswald on 11/16/63 but failed to tell the Dallas police or the Secret Service. Story says that despite Curry retraction, "sources" maintained that the 11/16/63 interview by the FBI did take place with no mention of it to the SS or police. The first inkling the Dallas police had of Oswald was when "intelligence detectives obtained a list of names of workers in the building...Oswald's name was on the list. But Detective Captain Pat Gannaway, senior officer over the Intelligence Squad, said Oswald did not become important until he failed to answer an employee roll-call. "He was the only one who didn't show up and couldn't be accounted for," Gannaway said. "Police were looking for Oswald" when Tippit "cruising his Oak Cliff beat" spotted a suspicious pedestrian on East 10 St and was shot when he stopped to check him.

Page 11 "LBJ, Mrs. Kennedy Could Be at Trial" quotes Wade, possible, but "the odds are that neither will testify."

Page 11 Interview with Dr. Perry by John Geddie. Perry refers to a "small puncture" in the lower portion of the neck. Perry says, "large massive wound head" appeared to be exit wound; but Kemp Clark told reporters in a press conference after the Perry interview that he would not ~~said~~ say the head wound was an exit wound. "He too saw no other wounds."

Page 11 "Kennedy's Wounds Pondered" Story says pathologists in Washington speculated Saturday that JFK's spinal cord and some vital nerve tracts near base of brain may have been badly damaged by the bullet that killed him. Not yet known if an autopsy was performed; but pathologists "not connected with the case" speculated on the basis of medical details given out at Parkland Hospital.

Page 13 Death Notice for J.D. Tippit lists brothers:

Donald Ray Tippit
Wayne Edward Tippit
Ronnie Tippit

sisters:

Mrs. Christine Christopher
Mrs. Joyce Debord

Pallbearers: Sgt. Owens; Sgt. Owen Box; Patrolmen Tilson, T.A. Ross, C.W. Harrison, and H.M. Ashcroft.

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Page 13 Story by N.M. McDonald "Officer Recalls Oswald Capture" McDonald writes that he was cruising toward Oak Cliff and got a call about 1:30 pm from Henslee who told him to check alleys--then got tip suspect "who fit description" was in branch library (false alarm). The next tip was "man acting funny was holed up in the balcony of the Texas Theater." "The cashier at the picture show was the one who called in to say this guy was acting suspicious and hidden out in the balcony." McDonald says 10-15 people in the theater, spread out good. "A man sitting near the front, and I still don't know who it was, tipped me the man I wanted was sitting 3rd row from rear, not in balcony."

"I went up the aisle, and talked to two people sitting about in the middle. I was crouching low and holding my gun in case any trouble came."

Then he went to Oswald who said "all over now" and hit McDonald a pretty good one in the face with his fist. "I saw him going for his gun and I grabbed him around the waist" they struggled and McDonald got his hand on the butt of the pistol but Oswald had his hand on the trigger. McD pulled the gun toward him, heard the hammer click. "The primer was dented and it didn't fire."

Monday 11/25/63

Page 1 full page photo of Ruby shooting Oswald (Jack Beers)

Page 2 Police Hit: Oswald Death Unbelievable? Washington UPI story gives reactions man on the street and bitter criticisms Dallas police.

Page 3 Story by Geddie and Harry McCormick on Oswald's death at Parkland Hospital with medical details.

Page 3 Story by J. Ewell on immediate effects Oswald murder and standing of the Dallas police. Cabell urges keep calm, don't look for a scapegoat. 20 highway patrolmen from Tyler ordered to Dallas on temporary duty to guard Gov. Connally at Parkland. "Detectives said there was no chance for a death-bed confession from Oswald" Captain Fritz said Oswald never uttered a word--eyes rolling and moaning, he could not speak. Captain Fritz told reporters "We now consider the case closed."

"Officers said Ruby apparently mingled with reporters and photographers and in this way got a chance to shoot Oswald."

Page 5 story on Tippit contributions coming in, says Lt. George Butler, President of the Dallas Police Assn, and a former president of the Dallas Chamber of Commerce, started a Tippit Fund which passed \$2000 by late Saturday.

Section 4 page 4 "Friend of Kennedy Gets Threat Over Telephone" Atlanta Ga (AP) Widow of man who was with JFK on the PT boat Mrs. Jack Kirksey got an anonymous telephone threat Saturday night from a man who called her a "nigger-lover" and told her to say behind locked doors, "We'll deal with you later."

Tuesday 11/26/63

Section 4 page 7 has photograph of the Depository with spectators lining the sidewalk, caption "Secret Service at Scene" says Monday 11/25/63 SS checked the trajectory of the bullet, with arrow to agent standing "at spot where the President was shot" shows agent about 15 ft east of the first lamppost, roughly alongside the second tree from corner on north side Elm.

Wednesday 11/27/63

Page 4 "No Word Released on Autopsy if Any"

11/28/63

Page 1 Governor Connally quoted: "As I turned to the left, I was hit."

Section 4 page 1 "Crime Reenacted by Secret Service" by Carl Freund

11/29/63

Page 1 story in which Marguerite Oswald says that Oswald told her he was questioned three times by FBI—once in Fort Worth; once in New Orleans; and at Irving once in September 1963 when the FBI agent had him sit in the car while they talked.

11/30/63

Page 1 "Ruby Walked Past Guards, He Recalls" story says Tom Howard said Friday night that Ruby said he got into the police basement by "simply walking past two officers who were guarding a ramp."