

Oswald's Widow Talks

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WASHINGTON (UPI) — Lee Harvey Oswald's widow testified yesterday that her husband had often spoken well of John F. Kennedy but that she did know he had attempted to assassinate a retired U.S. Army officer he called "a fascist."

After his futile attempt in April, 1963 to kill conservative Maj. Gen. Edwin Walker, Marina Oswald Porter told the House Assassinations Committee she realized, "he was capable of killing someone."

But "whatever he said about President Kennedy, it was always good, always," she said. She recalled her husband telling her in Minsk, in the Soviet Union to "hush up, not to interrupt him" while he was listening to a Kennedy speech broadcast to the Soviet Union.

"He always spoke complimentary of Kennedy . . . how young and attractive the President of the United States was," said

Mrs. Porter, who is now married to a Texas electronics worker.

She said she had no knowledge of Oswald's plotting with anyone else in the attempt on Walker's life or the assassination of Kennedy.

Slim in a light brown and yellow dress, she told the committee of her married life in Minsk with the U.S. defector and ex-Marine, and their increasingly stormy relationship after he brought her to the United States.

Her testimony was basically the same as she had given the Warren Commission in closed sessions 14 years ago, but this was the first time she delivered sworn testimony on the subject.

After his return to this country, she said, Oswald became more withdrawn. "Little by little he became gloomier — disillusioned," she said. "He was dissatisfied with his job."

Mrs. Porter said Oswald never talked of assassination as a political act or otherwise, but on the night of April 10, 1963, he returned to their home "very pale and out of breath."

"I asked him to explain," she said. "He said he had tried to shoot Gen. Walker. I said 'How dare you claim someone's life?' And he said, 'What would you say about getting rid of Hitler at the right time?'"

"He called him (Gen. Walker) a fascist."

"I realized it wasn't just a manly hobby of possessing a rifle," she said. "He was capable of killing someone. I was very disappointed. I had nowhere to go."

She said she did not alert police about the attack on Walker because she was loyal to her husband and did not speak English.

Marina identified three pictures showing Oswald holding a rifle and a pistol that she said she took with a small camera in the back yard of their home in early 1963.

The first picture shows Oswald dressed in dark trousers and dark shirt holding a rifle in his left hand with the butt on his left hip and the pistol in a holster. The second showed him with the rifle in his right hand and the third showed him with a rifle in his left hand and a socialist newspaper in his right.