

DESPAIR IS TOLD IN OSWALD DIARY

He Wrote of Attempting to Kill Himself in Russia

DALLAS, June 27 (AP)—Lee Harvey Oswald wrote vividly in a diary of an attempt to commit suicide soon after reaching Russia in 1959, of his unsatisfactory love life with Russian girls until he met the girl he later married, and about his dissatisfaction with the Soviet Union and plans to return to the United States.

He told of these things in a diary reported in a copyrighted article written by Hugh Aynesworth in today's editions of The Dallas Morning News. A second portion of the diary will be published later.

Oswald labeled his writing "historic diary," and kept it from Oct. 16, 1959, the day he arrived in Moscow, until March 27, 1962. A year and a half after returning to the United States, Oswald was charged with assassinating President Kennedy in Dallas. Two days after Mr. Kennedy died, Jack Ruby shot Oswald to death.

In his diary, he wrote that after arriving he conferred with a Soviet official about getting citizenship. Oswald wrote that he told the official that the Soviet Union was "great." He said the official told him, "The USSR is only great in literature."

Oswald heard nothing about extending his visa and two hours before it was to expire, the police telephoned and ordered him to start out of the country within two hours.

In a melodramatic fashion, Oswald wrote, "I am shocked! My dreams! I have \$100 left. I have waited two years to be accepted. My fondest dreams are shattered because of a petty official."

He wrote that he then attempted to kill himself, but a girl friend found him and called doctors who took five stitches in the wrist wound.

In one passage, he wrote of a love affair that ended in disappointment, "I realize she was never serious with me but only exploited my being an American to get the envy of the other girls who consider me different from the Russian boys. I am miserable!"

Oswald told of gradually becoming disenchanted with the Soviet Union. He wrote that "a friend, Andrei Tovli, says many things and relates many things I don't know about the USSR. I begin to feel uneasy inside.

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"I am starting to reconsider my desire about staying. The work is drab. The money I get has nowhere to be spent. No nightclubs or bowling alleys, no places of recreation except the trade union dances. I have had enough."

Feb. 1, 1961, he wrote the US Embassy in Moscow, saying he wanted to return to the United States. A month later he met a "girl with a French hairdo and red dress with white slippers. Her name is Marina. We like each other right away." They were married later and came to the United States.
