

Oswald's Dark Shadow Even Falls on Miami

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It is deeply disturbing to watch a President come and go as Lyndon Johnson did here last Tuesday.

There is something furtive and ominous about a handshaking, country Texas politician who must be cloistered in the dark innards of a speeding, closed limousine, out of sight, out of touch with the people who bring their children to see him.



The shadow of Lee Harvey Oswald waiting up there with the rifle in that book depository window still falls darkly across all of us, especially the politicians.

It is tragic when a President can do nothing, or do so much, except in a hotel. And it strikes home when he can not do it in his own hometown.

So many presidents have overruled the Secret Service to ride in open cars and walk among the folks and "press the flesh," as they say in Texas politics. Especially with an election less than a year away, it must bother Johnson a great deal.

But Johnson was there in Dallas four years ago and can still hear the crack of the rifle. And this generation of Secret Service agents is determined not to let another President

be shot.

ery door and was swallowed up in the hotel building.

Then through the underground passages, carefully cleared and sealed beforehand, to pop out on stage for

his speech. He left the same way.

Altogether, perhaps three dozen handshakes. Four dozen at the most. And hundreds of people waiting outside the hotel, lining the curbs to see or touch him.

The Dallas hangover is reinforced by the deep national schizophrenia over Vietnam. The pickets who demonstrate, as they did here, if Johnson is in the area.

It was the same sort of picketing and protest — although on the other side of

the political spectrum — that preceded Nov. 22 in Dallas. And it was a twisted mind that decided to pull the trigger.

So, fear stalks the land. A little boy who has fidgeted for two hours, being told that he will see the President, turns to his pointing parents after the limousine scoots by and says, "Where, Mommy, where?"

And you wonder how old he will be before he can see a President again, waving and smiling, in the back of an open convertible with the wind in his hair.

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Presidential Limousine Sweeps Past Crowds at Miami Beach
... will nation ever see him again, waving from open convertible?

RENT SUPPLEMENTS, also authorized during the President's favorite Congress last year, were killed by the House and saved in the Senate. But the President had to be satisfied with only \$10 million of \$40 million he asked for.

ANOTHER Great Society program born in the 89th Congress — the Teacher Corps — was taken out of limbo during this session. During one of its more agreeable days Congress authorized \$33 million for the Teacher Corps for 1968, although it insisted that teachers be locally recruited and controlled. The administration accepted the compromise in exchange for the authorization. Then Congress cut the corps' appropriation back to \$13.5 million.

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FOR MOST programs before Congress, there are two bills — one which devises programs and gives authority to spend, and another which actually appropriates the money.

Throughout the session, the economy-minded House forced authorizations down and in some cases appropriated less money than authorized.

Although House Republican Leader Gerald R. Ford, of Michigan, said the GOP had rejected a "coalition" with conservative Southern Democrats, there was plenty of evidence of parallel action in the work of the House.

Congressional Quarterly recorded the formation of the conservative coalition on at least 50 roll call votes in the House, one short of the record 51 coalition votes in 1966.

The coalition won on 37 of the 50 roll call votes, surpassing by more than two-fold the record 17 coalition victories in 1961. Thirty-four of the coalition victories this year were on domestic issues.