

# Death Snaps Links To Assassination

DALLAS, Feb. 23 (AP)—At least 15 persons whose names could be linked in some way with the assassination of President Kennedy or events that followed have died since the President was shot on Nov. 22, 1963.

Their names, and the reported causes of their deaths:

Dallas Police Patrolman J. D. Tippit, shot by Lee Harvey Oswald, named by the Warren commission as the assassin of Mr. Kennedy.

Oswald, shot by night club owner Jack Ruby.

Jim Koethe, Dallas Times-Herald reporter and Ruby acquaintance, whose body was found wrapped in a blanket in his apartment on Sept. 21, 1964. Police said he had been (Calif.) police reporter said by killed by a karate chop to the neck.

Bill Hunter, a Long Beach unofficial investigator to have known Ruby, shot accidentally by a detective in the Long Beach police station on April 23, 1964.

Nancy Jane Mooney, former stripper in Ruby's club, committed suicide by hanging with her own Toreador pants while in a Dallas jail cell awaiting trial on a charge of disturbing the peace.

Tom Howard, a lawyer friend of Ruby, who was taken to a Dallas hospital on March 27, 1965, and died of a heart attack.

Earlene Roberts, Oswald's Dallas landlady, who died in a hospital Jan. 9, 1966, of a heart attack.

Hank Gillman, a housepainter, found tangled in a broken plate glass window and bleeding to death on March 17, 1964, in Pensacola, Fla. His wife, Wanda, worked for Ruby for 15 years. The coroner called the death accidental. Police said it looked like suicide. Gillman's brother is asking that his body be exhumed.

William Whaley, a cab driv-

er who had Oswald as a passenger on the day of the assassination, fatally injured in an automobile crash.

Edward Benavides, shot to death in a Dallas bar. His brother, Domingo, whom he closely resembled, witnessed the killing of Patrolman Tippit.

Lee Bowers, a Dallas construction man who told the Warren commission the assassination shots might have come from street level instead of a window, fatally injured on Aug. 9, 1966, in a car accident.

James Worrell, a Warren commission witness who was in the crowd at the assassination scene, shot to death in Dallas.

Deillah Walle, former stripper in Ruby's club, shot to death in Omaha, Neb., on Aug. 23, 1966.

Ruby died of cancer on Jan. 3, 1967, while awaiting retrial for the killing of Oswald.

David W. Ferrie, a pilot questioned by the authorities about a trip to Dallas on the

## VOA to Celebrate 25th Year Today

Associated Press

With 15-million-watt lungs, the Voice of America will stage a star-studded celebration today of its 25th anniversary on the air.

Official birthday greetings from President Johnson on down are piling up at VOA's headquarters. Johnson said that throughout its first quarter century, "the VOA has never swerved from the course of truth."

For its silver anniversary today, VOA plans to broadcast a special two-hour show with singer Bing Crosby as master of ceremonies. Others range from virtuoso violinist Isaac Stern to jazz trumpeter Louis Armstrong—plus foreign artists including the Chinese singer Li Li-hua, Indian composer Ravi Shankar, and the Mohlan singers of Laos.

day of the assassination, died in New Orleans Wednesday of an apparent rupture of a blood vessel in the brain. District Attorney Jim Garrison said he thought it was suicide.