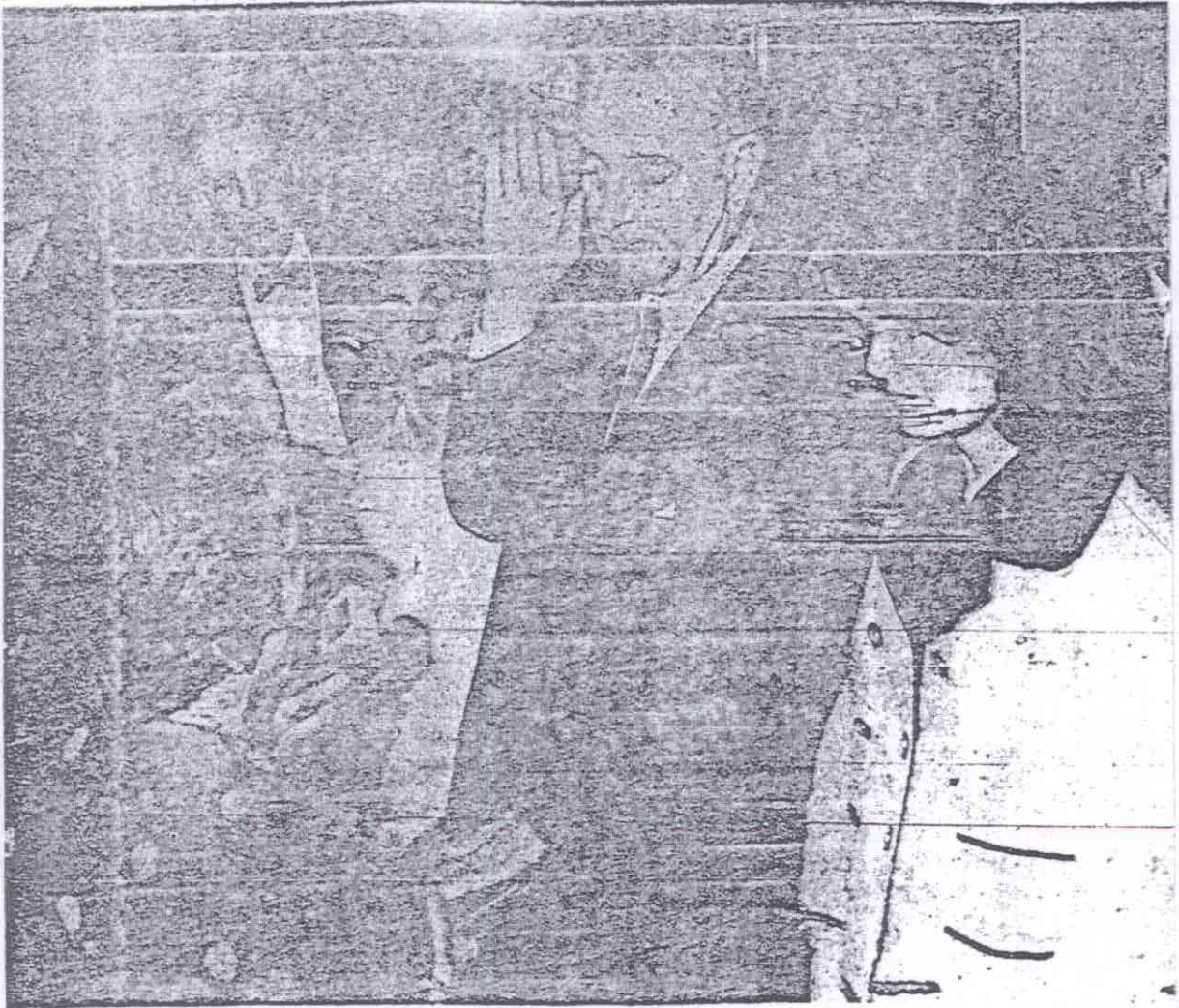


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## PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON TAKES OATH

U.S. District Judge Sarah T. Hughes of Dallas, left, who was appointed a federal judge by President John F. Kennedy, administers the presidential oath of office to Vice-President Lyndon B. Johnson. The swearing-in ceremony took place in the presidential plane at Dallas Love Field. Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy stands at Johnson's side. In the back-

ground are, from left, Jack Valenti, Johnson's administrative assistant; Rep. - Albert Thomas of Houston; Mrs. Lyndon Johnson, and Rep. Jack Brooks of Beaumont. This photograph was made by the official White House photographer, Capt. Cecil Stoughton. He was the only one permitted to photograph the ceremony.

# Johnson Promises His Best, Asks Help

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Johnson in his first public statement as Chief Executive Friday promised the nation to "do my best" in his new and grave responsibilities and asked Divine guidance in the task.

Speeding eastward aboard the flying White House, an Air Force jet transport, Johnson issued the brief statement as the plane approached Andrews AFB, Md.

He said:

"This is a sad time for all people. We have suffered a loss which cannot be weighed. For me it is a deep personal tragedy. I know the world shares the sorrow that Mrs. Kennedy and her family bear. I will do my best. That is all I can do. I ask your help—and God's."

The plane, carrying the new President and the body of the assassinated John F. Kennedy, arrived at Andrews at 5:58 p.m. EST.

After a brief discussion with the many saddened congressional leaders and other officials at the airport, he boarded a helicopter for the short ride to the White House in downtown Washington—a route traveled often by President Kennedy.

Within minutes, the new President was in the executive mansion ready to carry out his new and grave responsibilities.

In the Capital he found at least a temporary air of helpfulness among members of both parties, who had been horrified by the assassination.

Senate Republican Leader Everett M. Dirksen, Ill., who seemed almost overcome by the tragedy, said that nevertheless "the work

of the nation has to go forward." Dirksen said the long range impact of Johnson's succession would have to await his January State of the Union message. But the veteran lawmaker said frankly that he could see no disappearance of the disputes now embroiling Congress.

The new President faced a somber ritual Saturday at 11 a.m. He views the body of President Kennedy as it lies in repose in the East Room of the White House.

The body was taken overnight to the Bethesda, Md., Naval Hospital, just outside Washington, in a stark grey Navy ambulance. Closeted in grief behind drawn curtains rode Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy, accompanied by several close friends and Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy, the late president's brother.

After lying in the White House East Room the body will be taken to the Capitol, where it will lie in state for public mourning throughout Sunday.