

# Widow says Lee Oswald wanted to kill Nixon

NEW YORK (UPI) — Lee Harvey Oswald's Russian-born wife says she locked him in a bathroom and persuaded him to give up plans to kill Richard Nixon seven months before he assassinated President John F. Kennedy, the Ladies Home Journal reported yesterday.

The report was contained in a copyrighted, pre-publication excerpt carried by the Journal from a book entitled "Marina and Lee," written by Patricia Johnson McMillan. McMillan based her book on interviews with Marina Oswald Porter, Lee Harvey Oswald's widow.

McMillan quoted Marina as saying she convinced Oswald to give up his plot by warning him she could lose the child she was carrying at the time. Oswald, she said, had dreams of having a son who would grow up to be the president of the United States.

MARINA SAID in the book that Oswald decided to make an attempt on Nixon's life after reading a news story on his demands that the Russians be forced out of Cuba.

That was less than two weeks after Oswald had come home sweating and white with fear and announced he had just made an attempt on the life of segregationist Maj. Gen. Edwin Walker.

Marina said she then did what she had done before to ward off beatings by Oswald—she tricked him into going to the bathroom and then braced herself against the door.

OSWALD, THE BOOK said, demanded his wife let him out. "Over my dead body I will. I have



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evidence against you (in the Walker shooting). I'll take it to the police."

Oswald relented, the excerpt said, when she protested again that she could lose the baby. "You'll have killed your own child," Marina implored.

## Human torch dies

COLUMBUS (UPI) — Mark Malatesta, 27, after apparently soaking himself with gasoline inside his apartment, walked out the door yesterday, struck a match and set himself afire. He was dead when firemen arrived. Police tentatively ruled it a suicide. Neighbors said Malatesta had been in poor health.