

# Oswald's Child -

## 'Daddy Killed Him'

Chicago

It was during a second grade discussion on the life of President John F. Kennedy that little June Oswald Porter told her classmates, "My first daddy killed him."

Marina Oswald Porter says it was the only such incident to happen to any of her three children.

June, 12, and her sister, Rachel, 10, born three months before Kennedy's death in 1963, are the children of Marina and Lee Harvey Oswald, Kennedy's assassin. Mark Porter, 7, is the son of Russian-born Marina and her second husband, Kenneth Porter, an electronics technician.

Raymond Asbell, writing in

the October issue of Today's Health, said he traced the Porters from the Dallas suburb of Richardson, their home since 1965, to a small, unidentified town 25 miles away, where they are waiting to move into a house being built on 17 acres near a lake.

Mrs. Porter, 32, her straw-brown hair tangled from the morning heat, sat with Asbell under a tree at the Porters' rented home and talked mostly about her children, the magazine article said.

"The week June enrolled in first grade, six years ago, Marina told her the circumstances of her father's death," the article said. She had to, she said, for fear

June would hear it from someone else.

"We cried a little," Mrs. Porter said. "Then she asked me some questions, and I answered so that she won't have the wrong feelings."

The article said Kenneth Porter "shares Marina's attitude that when any of the children ask about Oswald or Kennedy, the question is to be answered naturally, factually and without tension."

When June was in second grade, her teacher led a discussion on the life of President Kennedy.

"It grew animated," Asbell quoted Mrs. Porter as saying, "leading June to raise her hand and volun-



Marina Oswald and her daughter, June, after Lee Harvey Oswald's slaying in November, 1963

teer, "My first daddy killed him."

"She said it just as fact, you know," Mrs. Porter said. "Something she knew and should perhaps tell."

"For a couple of days," Asbell reports, "She came

home uncharacteristically blue, until Marina asked her why. June told her mother the end of it. "To Marina's knowledge, nothing like that ever recurred, either to June or the other children."

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