Assassination Play Shown In Germany

AACHEN, Germany, Nov. 12 (AP)—A German play about the assassination of President Kennedy has been given its premiere at the tiny Grenzland Theater here. Two critics were unenthusiastic.

"Dallas-November 22" was written by Felix Luetzkendorf, 60, a Munich playwright. He calls it a "reportage for the stage."

The play is based on the Warren Report and presents 13 "pictures" from the life of Lee Harvey Oswald.

President Kennedy does not appear in the play. A huge photograph of the President and passages from some of his speeches can be seen in the background in some scenes. Luetzkendorf says that this is meant to "show the permanent spiritual presence of the President."

Said the Frankfurter Allegmeine in its review:

"Nowhere does the author reach beyond the banal naturalism of a magazine story, except for a few ideological disputes which were fascinating in their dialogical presentation."

And Hamburg's Die Zeit commented:

"This is not a work of art."

U.S. Embassy Supplied Photos For JFK Play

BONN, Nov. 18 (AP) — The U.S. Embassy confirmed today that it had supplied some photographs of President John F. Kennedy for a play about his assassin which a U.S. veteran's group attacked as irresponsible.

An Embassy spokesman said the pictures had been supplied from the public files of the U.S. Information Service.

The Jewish War Veterans said in Washington on Tuesday the Embassy had shown lack of judgment by helping playwright Felix Lutzkendorf stage his play based on the Warren Commission's report. It also said the Embassy had supplied U.S. Marine uniforms.

The Embassy said the producers had approached the Marines "at working level" and borrowed two uniforms which they used as models for costumes. The real uniforms were not used by the actors, the spokesman said.