

JFK Shooting Recreated for TV Movie

DALLAS (AP) — For a few brief moments, it was Nov. 22, 1963, again.

High-powered rifle shots rang out. Crowds screamed and scattered. The "president" was shot, and "Lee Harvey Oswald" leaned out of the Texas Schoolbook Depository Building, a rifle cradled in his shoulder.

The scene at Dealy Plaza Sunday and Monday was the recreation of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy for an ABC television movie, "The Trial of Lee Harvey Oswald."

Hundreds of tourists were attracted by the sight of actor John Pleshette, who portrays Oswald in a fictional account of how his trial

might have proceeded had he not been killed by Dallas nightclub owner Jack Ruby.

"It was really haunting," said Pleshette, who resembles Oswald.

Earlier, a police marksman had fired the shots at the presidential limousine six floors below in a scene that was to be shown to the fictional jury.

The recreation of the shooting took place before hundreds of tourists and with a cast of several hundred extras who scattered and "panicked" as the shots were "fired" into the presidential motorcade.

Women wearing bobbysocks and men in thin ties fell over each other in mock hysteria under the

direction of supervising producer Larry Schiller who shouted:

"Bang. You hear it, but don't have time to react.

"Bang. Now you go down running that way. You realize now it's not a backfire.

"Bang. The motorcade's moving now and you run as I catch it."

A few in the crowd seemed perturbed. Fermin Garcia said the assassination should not have been recreated. "God would have wanted it that way."

Maavis Chapman, one of the spectators, said, "I

way she (the actress playing Mrs. Kennedy) was dressed, and the President barreheaded, it gave you a strange feeling."

Bob Etheridge, who plays the part of Vice President Lyndon Johnson, recalled that on the day of the assassination, "I was watching the parade five minutes before it happened. I could have reached out and touched him (Kennedy). It's a real weird feeling to have seen the parade and then to see them recreate the assassination."