

Two days later Jack Ruby shot him dead.

11 days after assassination

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On Weapons Count

Cops Seize Gun-Toting Kennedy Foe

Detectives Tuesday disclosed the arrest of a gun collecting malcontent who expressed violent anti-Kennedy views before the assassination of the late President.

Thomas Vallee, 30, of 4614 N. Paulina st., had been so critical of President Kennedy, police charged, that he said:

"If Kennedy is not defeated in the next election by Sen. Barry Goldwater [R., Ariz.], the people in the United States might as well throw away the Constitution."

Vallee had several firearms and 20,000 rounds of ammunition, which were confiscated from his apartment.

Knife on Seat

His car was halted on Nov. 2 for making an illegal turn and police discovered a hunting knife on the seat next to Vallee. He told them:

"I usually carry a carbine and 300 rounds of ammo in the trunk, just for protection in case of a sudden attack by a foreign power."

Vallee was charged with unlawful possession of a weapon, taken to jury court on Nov. 26, and a copy of the police report was sent to the secret service.

After questioning Vallee, Detectives Lawrence Coffey and James Madden accompanied him to his apartment and found a carbine, an M-2 rifle, a .22-caliber single action target pistol, and the ammunition.

Case Continued

When Vallee appeared in court, his case was continued to Dec. 11.

The police recommended that the court confiscate Vallee's weapons, even tho they quoted Vallee as telling them he would "certainly make a similar purchase" as soon as he was able to do so.

Seized for Assault

Vallee was arrested July 5 for assault with a pistol. He said he joined the marines in 1948, at the age of 15, and served for 7 years, including action in Korea.

Vallee said he is employed by the I. P. P. Lithoplate corporation at 625 Jackson blvd. He is free on bond.

Federal agents Tuesday moved to question a North Side man arrested on a concealed weapons charge less than an hour before the late President Kennedy was to arrive here Nov. 2.

Thomas A. Vallee, 30, a lithographer, said he is a "dis-affiliated" member of the John Birch Society but had no intention of trying to assassinate the President.

"The only one who can take the President's life is the Almighty," Vallee said in his \$25-a-month apartment at 4614 N. Paulina. "But I did not have anything to do with Mr. Kennedy's death—in fact, I'm sorry about it."

VALLEE was stopped for a traffic violation at Damen and Wilson, where police found a hunting knife and 2,000 rounds of ammunition in his car, and three weapons in his apartment.

He was held by Summerdale police until after President Kennedy had canceled his trip to the Army-Air Force Football game in Soldier Field.

Vallee said he returned to his native Chicago from New York City last August and is making more than \$200 a week as a color lithographer for IPP Litho Plate Corp., 625 W. Jackson.

His apartment contained John Birch Society literature, a Goldwater button, and a fatigue cap he wore during his seven years in the Marines, where he was awarded the Purple Heart and oak leaf cluster for wounds suffered in the Korean War.

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