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third lead oswald

by peggy simpson

dallas, nov. 23 (AP)-police arrested a second man today and questioned him at length about the shooting of president kennedy. he is believed a friend of lee harvey oswald, who is charged with murdering the president.

police chief jesse curry said oswald has "readily admitted he is a communist."

the second man arrested was not immediately identified by police or others.

justice of the peace david johnston said he issued a search warrant early today for the second man's home, but the man allowed a search without protest.

oswald, dressed in white tee shirt and khaki trousers, asked today for a lawyer.

police were escorting oswald past rows of photographers and reporters on the way to further questioning in the interrogation room in the jail basement.

newsmen had agreed not to ask oswald any questions as he passed, but as the slim accused man approached a television microphone, he stopped.

leaning over slightly, he said, "I want to contact mr. apt in new york to defend me as my lawyer." without another word, oswald and the police walked into a hallway and closed the door.

~~police said they were not certain of the lawyer's identity.~~

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correction

dallas, third lead oswald, A17dn, eighth graf, "leaning over x x x" read it "contact Mr. abt in new york to defend me as my lawyer." A well-known new york lawyer is john abt who had defended many communists on various charges.

oswald's left x x x 10th graf, correcting name from apt and adding information.

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oswald's left eye was ~~ripped~~ swollen and bruised. he had mercurochrome streaks on cuts that dotted his forehead and cheeks. police said he received the injuries when arresting officers were forced to subdue him yesterday.

curry said x x x second graf 2nd lead oswald A168dn, deleting 29th and 30th grafs (in A3dn), "the pllice chief said to his x x x to do so."

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with kennedy

second lead oswald

by peggy simpson

dallas, nov. 23 (AP)- dallas police chief jesse curry said today lee harvey oswald has "readily admitted he is a communist."

curry said oswald admitted to officers in questioning last night that he was a "member of the communist party."

the police chief said, "apparently he was proud of being a communist. he didn't try to hide it."

curry said he did not know whether oswald was a card-carrying member of the party.

"last year oswald said on the new orleans television panel was was not (cq) a communist but was a marist," curry said, "but actually, oswald has never drawn any distinction between the two."

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dallas -- first add second lead oswald x x x between the two.

curry said police never had oswald listed on their suspicious list. "We have another man working in that same building who has been listed in our subversive files since 1955," curry said. police were seeking this man for questioning.

oswald, charged last night with murdering the president, insisted he is not the assassin. but an officer said today, "i think we got some good results from the paraffin test on both oswald's hands."

curry said there are 25 to 30 known communists in the dallas area.

"I understand the communist have had some meetings here but we don't have much to do with them," said the police chief.

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dallas, second lead oswald, insert after 9th graf " I understand x x x police chief."

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sub

dallas, second lead oswald, sub for 10th graf through 13th grafs (previously inserted as A5dn) "curry told newsmen x x x person to watch."

curry told newsmen that the fbi had interviewed Oswald a week or so ago. then he hastily called newsmen together again to say he does not have first hand information of this.

curry said "I do not want to accuse the fbi of withholding information. they have no obligation to help us. someone told me last night that they interviewed oswald. I do not know whether they did or not. they have always been very cooperative."

curry said, "I think x x x 14th graf.

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Dallas - second lead Oswald insert after 11th graf (previously moved as sub A43DN for insert A5DN) x x x Curry said, "I do not x x x cooperative."

In Washington a spokesman for the FBI said it was "incorrect" that the FBI had questioned Oswald or had him under surveillance at any time in recent months.

Curry said, "I think x x x 13th graf

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Curry told newsmen the fbi had interviewed oswald "a week or two ago."

asked if the fbi notified police of oswald's presence, the chief said "no sir. they did not."

"why they hadn't gotten around to informing us of this man, we don't know," curry said.

he said the fbi told him of the interview last night after oswald was in custody. curry said the fbi agents did not reveal what information they had learned from their interview, or if the interview indicated he was a person to watch.

curry said, "I think his actual target was the president. I saw this because he hit the president twice from about a 75-yard distance on a slant, and a parently he was an expert markssman."

curry said police found communist literature in oswald's apartment. he said he believed the material was for oswald's own reading purposes and not for distribution to others.

there was no x x x 10th graf

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there was no immediate explanation from the police as to what the paraffin tests would have shown since oswald fired at least one shot in the slaying of a patrolman and attempted a second shot when arrested. a rifle was used to slay the president.

with his jaw thrust x x x 2nd graf 1st lead A159dn

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A2dn

dallas -- 2nd add 2nd lead oswald A168dn x x x slay the president.

in an interview, curry said police believe oswald carried the rifle used to shoot ~~the~~ president kennedy with him to work yesterday morning.

curry said oswald told the man with whom he rode to work that the package wrapped in heavy brown paper under oswald's arm held window shades.

the police chief said that as far as the police know, oswald does not own an automobile.

he said the first description of oswald as a possible suspect in the slaying came from a policeman who saw him in the lunchroom of the building.

"he was sitting in the lunchroom and one of my officers drew a weapon on him," Curry said.

"the manager said, however, that oswald worked in the building, so the officer let him go."

curry said a building porter also described oswald as a possible suspect. the police chief did not identify the porter.

"the porter said he carried oswald up to the sixth (correct) floor and oswald asked him to send the elevator back up. the porter went to the front steps to watch the parade," curry said.

the police chief said it was still uncertain how oswald reached the oak cliff section of dallas.

"he left on foot from the building. someone said they saw a man pick him up (in a car), but oswald had a bus transfer slip in his pocket when arrested," curry said.

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the police chief said he thinks sgt. j.d. tippit, the officer who was slain, stopped oswald on the basis of the broadcast description.

oswald was on~~e~~ foot, curry said, and as the sergeant got out of his car and was walking around the back of it, oswald started shooting.

"we think he thought tippit knew he was involved in kennedy's assassination and must started shooting," curry said.

curry said a citizen alerted policemen on the dead sergeant's car radio. a search for the assailant soon led to the texas theater.

officers said they went up to oswald, sitting three rows from the back of the theater.

curry said, "Oswald said, 'this is it,' and sprang from his seat,

he reached for a gun inside his shirt and grappled with officers, but the gun didn't fire.

six officers subdued oswald and led him handcuffed out of the theater.

curry said, "we didn't think at the time he was a suspect in the kennedy slaying."

the police chief said to his knowledge oswald still does not have a lawyer.

"his folks were here hesterday, and I figured they'd get one for him if

they wanted to. they had every opportunity to do so."

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curry said he believed oswald and his wife were living separately, but that mrs. oswald saw her husband the night before the shootings.

also at the jail yesterday in addition to mrs. oswald and his mother was lswaad's brother, robert, who works for the acrme brick co. in denton, tex.

"robert is not at all sympathetic with his brother's views," curry said.

the police chief said oswald apparently arrived in dallas two months ago from fort worth, his home after returning to the united states from the soviet union.

with his jaw x x x second graf first lead oswald A159dn.

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A159dn

first lead oswald

by raymond holbrook and peggy simpson

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"I did not kill president kennedy. I did not kill anyone. I don't know what this is all about."

city detective charles brown said he believed the hand tests were positive but was not certain about results of a paraffin test on oswald's face.

paraffin tests are aimed at proving a suspect has fired a weapon. paraffin is poured on the hands or face to pick up microscopic particles of gunpowder residue which show up then in chemical tests.

brown said he has great faith in paraffin tests.

deputy police chief m.w. stevenson said oswald was arraigned late last night on a charge of murdering the president. he earlier was charged with killing a policeman.

justice of the peace dave johnston ordered him held without <sup>bond</sup> ~~trial~~.

stevenson said questioning of oswald would continue today.

the deputy police chief said the next step would be a preliminary hearing, which oswald could waive and ask that the case be taken to the county grand jury.

after the formal x x x fourth graf a24dn

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A24dn

oswald (1,000 up)

by raymond holbrook and peggy simpson

dallas, nov. 23 (AP)- lee harvey oswald, charged with murdering president kennedy, insisted during hours of questioning last night that he was not the assassin.

with his jaw thrust out and his dark eyes intent and piercing, oswald kept telling newsmen:

"I did not kill president kennedy. I did not kill anyone. I don't know what this is all about."

after the formal charges were filed, oswald was brought before newsmen. speaking in a low voice into a cluster of microphones thrust into his face, he denied killing the president.

he appeared less defiant than earlier in the evening, but still was composed. he smiled several times as he was being questioned.

"I don't think he is a nut," district attorney henry wade told newsmen. "I think he is sane." I don't mean that he is any phd, but he answers questions very easily and he is sharp."

secret service agents, dallas police and fbi men had quizzed oswald for almost ten hours before charging him with the murder of the president. earlier in the evening he was charged with the unprovoked slaying of a policeman 50 minutes after the assassination.

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city detective ed hicks, after intensive investigation of the slaying, drew this picture of the hour surrounding the tragedy:

oswald was working on the fifth floor of the texas book depository, the floor from which the shots were fired. a man working with him said, "oswald, let's go see the president."

oswald replied: "no, you go on down and sent the elevator back up."

as oswald left the building he was stopped by dallas police. oswald told them he worked in the building and was going down to see what was going on.

in the oak cliff section of dallas, some four miles away, oswald was seen 45 minutes later talking to a policeman, j.d. tippett. a witness said that suddenly oswald shipped out a pistol and shot the officer.

shortly thereafter, police received a tip that a suspicious looking man had entered the texas theatre on west jefferson street, not far from where tippett had been slain.

officers surrounded the theatre, and then entered. when they spotted oswald near the rear, he pulled out his pistol and pulled the trigger. it failed to go off, and the officers jumped him.

in the scuffle that followed, one patrolman was cut on the face before oswald was subdued. as they snapped the handcuffs on his wrists, oswald was heard to say: "it's all over."

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an angry crowd had gathered around the theatre when the suspect was pulled out and put into a patrol wagon. when he was booked, officers noted that his height and weight -- 5 feet 9, 160 pounds -- tallied with the description ~~of a man~~ given of a man who was seen near the assassination area.

the intensive questioning began. a steady stream of witnesses and officers filed into the crowded office where oswald was held. later his mother and russian-born wife, carrying a tiny baby, entered.

the corridor outside was jammed with newsmen, photographers and tv cameras and lights.

when the dark-haired oswald was escorted to a different office, he stuck out his jaw and threw back his head when he saw the photographers. he raised his manacled right hand and clenched his fist.

one officer described him as cool, ~~arrogant~~ defiant and arrogant.

oswald's mother, who came from nearby fort worth, said: "I'm broken hearted about this. he is really a good boy."

his wife, an attractive, petite blonde, speaks only broken english. a russian-language expert was summoned to interpret.

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dallas- oswald a24-27 following may be inserted after 22nd graf "his wife, an x x x to interpret."

authorities identified mrs. oswald as the former marina nicholaevna, once a hospital employe in minsk. in addition to the infant, the oswalds have a small daughter.

oswald attracted x x x 23rd graf as before.

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→ oswald attracted attention four years ago when he announced in fort worth that he was going to russia to live and would renounce his u.s. citizenship.

he went to the soviet union and lived there three years, during which time he married his wife. then he applied for permission to return to the united states.

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in a radio interview last summer in new orleans, where he was born oct. 18, 1939, oswald claimed he never actually renounced his american citizenship, and therefore had been able to return to america. however, state department officials said their records show that on nov. 2, 1959, in moscow he swore allegiance to russia when he turned in his american passport.

he was twice courtmartialed while serving with the marines in japan, a corps spokesman said. one charge was violating a regulation requiring the registration of privately-owned firearms. the other was for using provocative words to a non-commissioned officer.

a man who served with oswald, allen d. ~~brag~~graf of buffalo, said oswald was "a lonely, introverted, aloof boy" while in service. graf said oswald was bitter about "the tough time his mother had during the depression."

oswald was fined in new orleans last year for disturbing the peace after he and some anti-castro cubans scuffled as oswald was passing out pro-castro literature.

a cuban exile now living in new orleans, carlos bringuier, said a man named lee h. owsald tried to infiltrate bringuier's anti-castro organization.

"he offered himself as a former marine to train cubans for an invasion," bringuier said. "I was suspicious of him from the start... and a few days later I encountered him distributing "viva fidel castro" literature."

oswald was a member of the "Fair play for cuba" committee

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