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TIPPIT FAMILY (450)

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DALLAS, SEPT. 27 (AP)—THE WIDOW OF SLAIN POLICE OFFICER J. D. TIPPIT SAID TODAY SHE WASN'T SURPRISED BY THE WARREN COMMISSION STATEMENT THAT HER HUSBAND KNEW NEITHER LEE HARVEY OSWALD NOR JACK RUBY.

"WE KNEW THAT ALL ALONG," SHE SAID WITH A SMILE.

THEN SHE GREW WISTFUL.

"I DON'T KNOW HOW THOSE RUMORS GOT STARTED...J. D. WAS JUST AN HONEST, HARD-WORKING POLICEMAN WHO STAYED AT HOME MOST OF HIS FREE TIME."

THE COMMISSION REPORT SAID THAT TIPPIT APPARENTLY RECOGNIZED OSWALD WAS THE PERSON FITTING THE DESCRIPTION OF THE MAN WANTED FOR THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY HERE NOV. 22. TIPPIT WAS SHOT TO DEATH WHEN HE ATTEMPTED TO QUESTION OSWALD. TWO DAYS LATER OSWALD WAS SHOT TO DEATH BY RUBY, A DALLAS NIGHT CLUB OPERATOR.

MORE THAN \$600,000 IN DONATIONS FOR THE TIPPIT FAMILY POURED IN FROM ALL OVER THE NATION AFTER THE OFFICER'S DEATH BUT HIS WIDOW SAID THAT THE FAMILY IS LIVING ON \$225 A MONTH.

SHE EXPLAINED THAT LAWYERS ARE COMPLETING DETAILS ON FORMING TRUST FUNDS BUT THAT IN THE MEANTIME, SHE AND HER THREE CHILDREN HAVE BEEN LIVING ON TIPPIT'S POLICE BENEFIT PAYMENTS.

SO FAR THERE HAVE BEEN NO CHANGES IN THE SMALL ROSE BRICK AND WHITE FRAME HOUSE.

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WITHOUT ACCESS SO FAR TO THE DONATIONS, MRS. TIPPIT HAS HAD TO CUT CORNERS--BUT SHE SAYS SHE'S HAD EXPERIENCE WITH THAT BEFORE.

IN THE LIVING ROOM IS A HUGE OIL PORTRAIT OF TIPPIT, A GIFT LAST SPRING FROM A DALLAS ARTIST, BARBARA HILL. BUT THE COUCH AND CHAIR ARE FRAYED, AND MRS. TIPPIT NOTED THAT SHE WAS GOING TO HAVE TO PAINT THE HOUSE SOON.

SHE SAYS HER LIFE WILL PROBABLY CHANGE LITTLE, EVEN AFTER SHE STARTS RECEIVING THE CONTRIBUTIONS. SHE WANTS HER CHILDREN BROUGHT UP IN THE MANNER TIPPIT HAD PLANNED. SHE FORESEES NO MOVES FROM THEIR OAK CLIFF NEIGHBORHOOD, ABOUT 12 MILES FROM DOWNTOWN DALLAS.

MRS. TIPPIT WANTS A NEW CAR. TIPPIT'S 1961 BLUE STATION WAGON HAS A FAULTY GENERATOR.

"BESIDES, EVERYTIME I SEE IT IN THE DRIVEWAY, I THINK J. D. OUGHT TO BE INSIDE."

"IT'S HARD TO GO ON WHEN THE ONE YOU LOVED AND LIVED FOR IS GONE; THERE'S OFTEN NO POINT TO ANYTHING. BUT I HAVE THREE OF HIS CHILDREN WHOM I LOVE VERY MUCH, AND THAT'S A BIG RESPONSIBILITY."

DAILY ACTIVITIES OF THE CHILDREN LEAVES LITTLE TIME FOR BROODING.

"ALLEN IS PLAYING FOOTBALL," SHE SAID OF HER 14-YEAR-OLD. AS SHE SPOKE, 5-YEAR-OLD CURTIS CAME TO HUG HER AND LISTEN BRIEFLY. WHEN THE REPORTER ARRIVED, MRS. TIPPIT WAS GIVING 15-YEAR-OLD BRENDA A HOME PERMANENT.

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"J. D. WAS SUCH A GENEROUS FATHER AND THEY MISS HIM," SHE SAID. "BUT WHEN SO MANY PEOPLE WRITE THAT THEY ARE THINKING AND PRAYING FOR YOU--WELL, YOU KNOW YOU'VE GOT TO DO YOUR BEST."

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