

\$650,000 IS GIVEN TO TIPPIT FAMILY

Donations Honor Patrolman Slain by Oswald in Dallas

DALLAS, Oct. 21 (AP)—A nation's gift of nearly \$650,000 was presented yesterday to the widow and three children of J. D. Tippit, the Dallas patrolman who was killed by President Kennedy's assassin.

They received the money from District Court Clerk Bill Shaw at the authorization of District Judge Dee Brown. Half the funds will be held in a trust fund for the children.

This was the first cash Mrs. Tippit had received from an outpouring of donations that followed her husband's death last Nov. 22. She and the children—Curtis, 5 years old; Allen, 14, and Brenda, 15—had been living on Patrolman Tippit's \$225-a-month police benefits.

New Car Probable

Mrs. Tippit didn't say what she planned to do with the money, but a new car seemed high on the list of family needs. She pointed out recently that her husband's 1961 blue station wagon had a faulty generator.

"Besides, every time I see it in the driveway, I think J. D. ought to be inside."

The patrolman was killed by a man the Warren Commission said had just shot the President in downtown Dallas on Nov. 22. Tippit had stopped to question him. Witnesses said the man was Lee Harvey Oswald.

The family has continued to live in a small rose brick and white frame house in suburban

Oak Cliff, and Mrs. Tippit said she had no plans to move. She may have the house painted, however, and a frayed couch and chair in the living room may be replaced.

Mrs. Tippit received a check for \$312,916. Another check for \$330,946 went to Mrs. Tippit and the Republic National Bank as trustees of a fund for the children. A third share of \$3,716 was presented to the Policemen's and Firemen's Fund.

Normal Life Their Aim

This was in settlement of a friendly suit filed by the city to relieve it of further responsibility and liability as holder of the funds.

More important than money, however, as far as Mrs. Tippit is concerned, is maintaining a normal family atmosphere — raising the children "like J. D. would have wanted."

The Tippit residence has an unlisted telephone, and she ventures into the public eye only for such occasions as receiving citations awarded posthumously to her husband.

"J. D. was such a generous father and the children miss him," she once 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."