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New York, Sept. 21 (AP)- "The widow of Lee Harvey Oswald, accused assassin of President Kennedy says she still has affection for her late husband because "I knew a different Lee."

Remarks by Marina Oswald were reported in two interviews by Hellen Yenne, a special correspondent. Both stories are copyrighted by the New York Herald-Tribune. The Russian-born Mrs. Oswald was interviewed at her Richardson, Tex., home.

Mrs. Oswald through an interpreter, told her interviewer in today's story:

"People are always asking me how I still feel any affection for Lee after the terrible thing he did. I knew a different Lee, I guess.

"He was one way with me, but another way with everybody else. I could see his face change the moment he went to our door to answer a knock."

Discussing the 12-page diary written by Oswald during his stay in Russia from October, 1959 until 1962, Mrs. Oswald was asked if she could account for its relative brevity.

"I am certain it was much longer originally," Mrs. Oswald was quoted as saying. "Lee must have rewritten it for the last time shortly before we left Minsk in May, 1962, and then destroyed the old pages."

The diary is still in the hands of Warren commission investigators of the presidential assassination in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963. Two days later Oswald was shot to death by night club owner Jack Ruby.

"Lee wrote the diary to show himself as he wanted people in America to see him," Mrs. Oswald was quoted as saying in the first interview, published in the Sunday Herald Tribune.


She said that, contrary to some reports, she never saw the diary until she was given a copy ~~XXXX~~

after it was published in the press in this country.

"Lee was very secretive about the diary once we were married,"  
the story quoted her.

The diary ends on March 27, 1962, after Oswald obtained  
permission to return home and bring his wife and child.

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IN TODAY'S CONCLUSION, MRS. OSWALD TOOK EXCEPTION TO AT LEAST ONE PERSONAL PASSAGE IN OSWALD'S DIARY. THE DIARY SAID SHE GAVE HIM HER TELEPHONE NUMBER THE FIRST NIGHT THEY MET.

SAID MRS. OSWALD: "I GAVE IT TO HIM THE SECOND TIME WE MET, A WEEK LATER. I HAD GONE TO THE WEEKLY TRADE UNION DANCE WITH ANOTHER GIRL. LEE WAS THERE, AND I LET HIM TAKE ME HOME. I INTRODUCED HIM TO MY AUNT WITH WHOM I LIVED AND GAVE HIM OUR PHONE NUMBER."

MARINA MET OSWALD ON MARCH 17, 1961, AND THEY WERE MARRIED ON APRIL 30. HE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES WITH HER THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

MRS. OSWALD COMMENTED ON THE FACT THAT HER HUSBAND'S DIARY CONTAINED NO MENTION OF BEING GIVEN A FUR HAT BY INTOURIST GUIDES, WHO TOOK UP A COLLECTION FOR IT. AT THE TIME, APPARENTLY, OSWALD COULD NOT AFFORD TO BUY ONE.

"LEE LOVED THAT HAT," MRS. OSWALD SAID. "HE EVEN BROUGHT IT BACK WITH HIM TO SHOW OFF IN AMERICA."

ASKED IF HER HUSBAND SHOWED ANY RESENTMENT TOWARD PERSONS WHO TRIED TO HELP HIM, MRS. OSWALD GAVE THIS ANSWER:

"I KNOW THAT LEE WAS GRATEFUL TO PEOPLE INSIDE. I KNOW HE APPRECIATED THAT HAT, FOR INSTANCE. BUT HE NEVER WANTED TO SHOW OTHERS THAT HE WAS GRATEFUL."

AT THE END OF THE INTERVIEW MRS. OSWALD TOLD THE REPORTER, "I DIDN'T KNOW LEE IN THE BEGINNING, BUT I KNOW HIM BETTER NOW."

MRS. OSWALD THEN WROTE SOMETHING IN RUSSIAN IN A NOTEBOOK, SAYING, "IT'S FROM TOLSTOY."

AS TRANSLATED BY THE INTERPRETER, IT READ: "WE WERE BORN WITH KIND INSTINCTS, BUT BAD INSTINCTS WE ACQUIRE."

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