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ANN ARBOR, MICH., JAN. 5 (AP)-MRS. MARINA OSWALD, WIDOW OF THE ACCUSED ASSASSIN OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY, ATTENDED HER FIRST CLASSES TODAY AS A UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN COED.

WEARING A BLUE SKIRT, WITH A LIGHTER BLUE SWEATER AND COTTON OVERBLOUSE, MRS. OSWALD RESEMBLED MOST OF THE THOUSANDS OF OTHER COEDS ON THE CAMPUS AS SHE MET WITH NEWSMEN.

THE YOUNG WIDOW HAS ENROLLED IN THE UNIVERSITY'S ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTITUTE FOR A FIVE-HOURS-A-DAY, EIGHT-WEEK COURSE. MRS. OSWALD CAME TO THE UNITED STATES FROM RUSSIA IN 1962.

MRS. OSWALD WAS DESCRIBED BY HER CLASSROOM INSTRUCTORS AS AMAZINGLY FLUENT IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE, CONSIDERING THE LIMITED TIME SHE HAS SPENT IN THIS COUNTRY.

SHE REFUSED TO BE INTERVIEWED AT LENGTH, EXPLAINING THAT SHE IS UNDER CONTRACT FOR A BOOK RECOUNTING HER LIFE WITH LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

SPEAKING IN HEAVILY-ACCENTED ENGLISH, SHE TOLD REPORTERS SHE PLANNED TO GO BACK TO DALLAS AFTER FINISHING HER COURSES IN ANN ARBOR.

"I'VE BEEN TREATED WELL IN DALLAS, AND THE PEOPLE THERE ARE WARM," MRS. OSWALD EXPLAINED. "MAYBE THE PEOPLE IN MICHIGAN ARE TOO BUSY. THEY ARE LIKE THE WEATHER -- CRISP AND COOL. IN DALLAS, PEOPLE ARE WARM LIKE THE WEATHER."

MRS. OSWALD'S STUDIES ARE BEING SPONSORED BY THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR. IT WAS NOT DISCLOSED WHERE SHE IS STAYING OR WHETHER SHE BROUGHT HER TWO CHILDREN, JUNE LEE, 3, AND RACHEL, 1, TO MICHIGAN.

ASKED IF SHE WOULD "DATE" WHILE AT THE UNIVERSITY, MRS. OSWALD ASKED WHAT THE QUESTION MEANT.

WHEN SHE WAS TOLD IT MEANT "GOING OUT SOCIALLY," SHE REPLIED:

"I HOPE TO MEET FELLOW STUDENTS WHILE HERE."

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