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Dallas Police Chief Quits

-The Strain Was Too Much

DALLAS—(AP)— Police Chief Jesse Curry, the man who led the investigation of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in 1963, is in his last day on the job today.

Curry goes on terminal leave until March 10, when his resignation becomes effective.

Assistant Chief Charles Batchelor will be acting chief until March 10. Then he will assume the office.

Curry told City Manager Elgin Crull the continued tensions of the office have affected his blood pressure. He said that after a short rest he will enter another line of work.

Curry and Dallas' 1,100-man police force received credit for the swift capture of Lee Harvey Oswald in the assassination Nov. 22, 1963.

Then, when Jack Ruby killed Oswald during a routine jail transfer two days later, a storm of criticism swirled about the department.

Curry told a newsman a year later:

"I wake up every now and then at 2 and 3 in the morning thinking about Kennedy, Oswald and Ruby and can't go back to sleep."



JESS CURRY
Advised to quit