

EVIDENCE AGAINST OSWALD
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DALLAS, Nov. 23 -- Police officials said today they had amassed evidence enough to convict Lee Harvey Oswald of the assassination of President Kennedy.

"We're convinced beyond any doubt that he killed the President," said Capt. Will Fritz, chief of the Dallas Police Homicide Bureau after questioning Oswald and others.

"I think the case is cinched," he said.

While the 24-year-old warehouse worker continued to deny the killing under heavy questioning, the Dallas County District Attorney, Henry Wade, said this afternoon: "I think we have enough evidence to convict him now -- but we anticipate a lot more evidence in the next few days."

District Attorney Wade said he planned to present the case to the grand jury next Wednesday or the following Monday. He thought the case might come to trial in mid-January.

As a major item of evidence, the prosecutor cited at a news conference at police headquarters a statement to the police by Oswald's Russian-born wife, Marina. She was questioned last night and this morning.

Mr. Wade quoted her as saying that Oswald had a rifle, similar in appearance to that used in the assassination, in their garage in suburban Irving on Thursday night. She was said to have added that it was not there after Oswald went to work yesterday morning at the book warehouse from which ~~the~~ came the shots that felled the President and Texas' Gov. John Connally.

Police Chief Jesse Curry quoted an unidentified witness as saying that when Oswald walked into the warehouse yesterday morning, he was carrying a long package wrapped in brown paper. He told somebody this was a window shade.

No oral statements by the defendant or other witnesses are admissible as trial evidence under Texas law, the District Attorney noted. Such evidence must be in the form either of sworn written statements or testimony on the witness stand.

The rifle was found near a sixth-floor window of the warehouse shortly after the crime. Other employes were quoted as saying that Oswald had stayed upstairs when they went out to watch the President go by.

Wants to talk.

Oswald's only utterance directed to outsiders today was an exclamation, as he was led handcuffed through a police headquarters corridor:

"I want to talk to Mr. * * * in New York."

The name sounded like Abt or Apt.

(In New York, John J. Abt, who has represented the Communist party in a number of litigations, said he had never heard of Oswald.)

District Attorney Wade said Oswald refused to take a lie detector test.

He said the defendant had been advised repeatedly of his rights to counsel, and that he understood that relatives who have come to police headquarters were trying to raise money for a lawyer.

If they were unsuccessful, he added, counsel would be appointed by the county .

Oswald, a former Marine who had recently lived in the Soviet Union and married a Russian girl, was said to have acknowledged that he was "a Marxist but not a Communist."

Investigators have discovered no organizational connection with the crime.

The police chief said there were believed to be only 25 or 30 Communist party members in the Dallas area; that the police had had "no trouble " with them lately, and that his organization had had no contacts with the pro-Castro "Fair Play for Cuba Committee," of which Oswald was said to have been an adherent.

The defendant was arraigned at Police Headquarters on a murder charge last midnight and held without bail for grand jury action.

QUESTIONING RESUMED

He spent the night in a cell on the fourth floor of the Police Headquarters ~~interrogated~~ with a special one-man guard.

This morning at 10:30 o'clock, Central Standard Time, Oswald was brought down to the Homicide Bureau on the third floor for resumption of the prolonged interrogation of yesterday.

His Russian-born wife, from whom he was separated, was brought to the Homicide Bureau for a second time.

Deputy Police Chief M.W. Stevenson said eventual examination by a county psychiatrist would be routine in such a case. None has been specifically scheduled as yet by Dallas District Attorney Henry Wade.

Chief Curry said that a palm print on a cardboard carton near ~~the~~ window from which the fatal shots came had been identified positively as Oswald's and was considered important evidence.

The officer said also that a paraffin test of Oswald's hands had proved positive, meaning that he had fired a weapon. However, the chief noted this could have been the .38 caliber revolver Oswald ~~was~~ was carrying when arrested. He is alleged to have used it to kill a policeman in the Oak Cliff District shortly before going into the theater.

One new individual entered the case prominently today. Chief Curry announced that officers were questioning Jose Rodriguez Molinas, a bookkeeper employed at the same establishment as Oswald.

Mr. Molinas was said to have had some left-wing connections, However he was reported to have denied any more than a nodding acquaintance ~~existing~~ with Oswald during the few weeks that Oswald had been employed at the warehouse.

Chief Curry said his department had had no record about Oswald up to yesterday, but that the local office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation had a long "subversive" record on him, and, the chief understood, had interviewed Oswald.

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