

BULLETIN

KENNEDY

WASHINGTON, NOV. 22 (AP)—GOVERNMENT SOURCES SAID TODAY THAT

PRESIDENT KENNEDY IS DEAD.

DEATH OF THE PRESIDENT

The news of the President's assassination came in agonizing bits over the air, on radio and on TV screens. On the AP and UPI wires, the machines ticked off the news like this:

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DALLAS, Nov. 22 (AP)—President Kennedy was shot today just as his motorcade left downtown Dallas. Mrs. Kennedy jumped up and grabbed Mr. Kennedy. She cried, "Oh, No!" The motorcade sped on. MM1239PCS A NM

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Dallas second add Kennedy shot X X X speech.

The shots were fired just as the presidential motorcade entered the triple underpass which leads to the freeway route to the Trade Mart.

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3rd add 2nd lead Kennedy Dallas (B8N) XXX too late.

The incident occurred just east of an underpass facing a public park in downtown Dallas.

Moments after the shooting, Kennedy lay slumped over in the back seat of the car, face down. Connally lay on the floor of the rear seat.

There was one report that Kennedy

staff were 15 minutes to a half hour behind in reaching the Parkland (CQ) Hospital.

Blood was spattered over the limousine, which had been flown in specially to carry the President. The driver was Secret Serviceman Bill Greet.

Both the body and glass bubble of the car are proof against most gunfire, but the top was down so the President could wave to the crowds. MoreGH225PES

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The motorcade was so strung out as the result of the speedy Secret Service departure from the scene of the shooting that members of the Kennedy staff were from 15 minutes to a half hour behind in reaching the hospital.

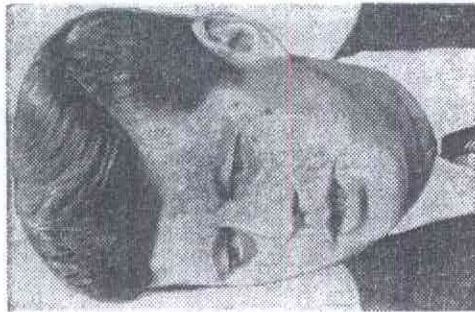
It was impossible under the tension at the hospital to assemble a clearcut story of the incident because the burst of gunfire took only seconds. JT 1255PCS

UPI A20N DA

Some of the Secret Service agents thought the gunfire was from an automatic weapon fired to the right rear of the Chief Executive's car, probably from the grassy knoll to which motorcycle policemen directed their attention as they raced up the slope. JT 1256PCS

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DALLAS, Tex., Nov. 22 (AP)—Pres- See Page 4



had been wounded in the head, Connally in the chest.

Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy was heard to scream as she reached for her husband. GH214PES

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The President had landed only a short time before at Dallas' Love Field and was driving to the Trade Mart to deliver a luncheon speech.

The streets were lined by crowds, the biggest turnout of the Texas tour.

The motorcade was so strung out as the result of the speedy movement of the cavalcade that members of the Kennedy

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ident Kennedy was given blood transfusions today at Parkland Hospital in an effort to save his life after he and Gov. John Connally of Texas were shot in an assassination attempt. MM1111PCS

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The President was shot once in the head. Connally was hit in the head and wrist.

Police found a foreign-make rifle. Sheriff's officers were questioning a young man picked up at the scene. JT141PCS

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DALLAS, Nov. 22 (AP)—Two priests stepped out of Parkland Hospital's emergency ward today and said President Kennedy died of his bullet wounds. J1133PCS

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Dallas—First add President dead . . . bullet wounds.

The priests came out of the ward at approximately 1:37 p. m. (CST).

The announcement by the priests brought audible sobs from a crowd of scores of newsmen and other citizens

crowded around the emergency ward entrance.

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Kennedy, 46, lived about an hour after a sniper cut him down as his limousine left downtown Dallas.

Automatically, the mantle of the Presidency fell to Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson, a native Texan who had been riding two cars behind the Chief Executive.

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There was no immediate word on when Johnson would take the oath of office.

Kennedy died at Parkland Hospital, where his bullet-pierced body had been taken in a frantic but futile effort to save his life.

Police ordered an unprecedented dragnet of the city, hunting for the assassin.

They believed the fatal shots were fired by a white man about 30, slender of build, weighing about 165 pounds, and standing five feet ten inches tall.

The murder weapon reportedly was a 30-30 rifle.

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FIRST LEAD KENNEDY-REACTION

Washington

A shocked Senate adjourned today

until noon Monday after a prayer by its chaplain for President Kennedy, shot in Dallas, Tex.

The House was not in session.

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Assassinations—with shooting

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22 (UPI) — Three of America's last four Presidents have faced the bullets of an assassin. Of the Nation's 34 Presidents, three have been slain in office.

Kennedy died of a gunshot wound in the brain at approximately 1 p. m., CST, according to an announcement by acting White House press secretary Malcolm Kilduff.

The horror of the assassination was mirrored in an eyewitness account by Sen. Ralph Yarborough, D-Tex., who had been riding three cars behind Kennedy.

"You could tell something awful and tragic had happened," the Senator told newsmen before Kennedy's death became known. His voice breaking and his eyes red-rimmed, Yarborough said:

"I could see a Secret Service man in the President's car leaning on the car with his hands in anger, anguish and despair. I knew then something tragic had happened."