

**Coincidences In Life  
Of Two Presidents**

Editor, Independent-Journal:

While I was vacationing in Salt Lake City, Utah, I read the following article in the Salt Lake Tribune. I thought perhaps some of the I-J readers would find it interesting.

Clips from two widely separated newspapers, The Los Angeles Herald Examiner and the Weekly Oregon Slope, show lists of strange parallels between the lives of Presidents Lincoln and Kennedy. These include:

1. Lincoln was elected in 1860 and Kennedy was elected in 1960.

2. Both were slain on a Friday and in the presence of their wives.

3. Their successors, both names Johnson, were Southerners, Democrats, and had previously served in the U.S. Senate.

4. Andrew Johnson was born in 1808, Lyndon B. Johnson in 1908.

5. John Wilkes Booth was born in 1839. Lee Harvey Oswald was born in 1939.

6. Both Booth and Oswald were slain before trial could be held.

7. Booth and Oswald were both Southerners favoring unpopular ideas.

8. Both Presidents' wives lost children through death while residing in the White House.

9. Lincoln's secretary, whose name was Kennedy, advised him not to go to the theater the night he was killed.

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- 1) Both President Lincoln and President Kennedy were concerned with the issue of civil rights.
- 2) Lincoln was elected in 1860, Kennedy in 1960.
- 3) Both were slain on a Friday, in the presence of their wives, and both died from head wounds.
- 4) Their successors, both named Johnson, were southerners, Democrats, and had served in the U.S. Senate.
- 5) Andrew Johnson was born in 1808, Lyndon Johnson in 1908.
- 6) John Wilkes Booth was born in 1839, Oswald in 1939.
- 7) Both Booth and Oswald were slain before trial could be held.
- 8) Both Booth and Oswald were southerners favoring unpopular ideas.
- 9) Both Presidents' wives lost children through death while residing in the White House.
- 10) Lincoln's secretary, whose name was Kennedy, advised him not to go to the theater the night he was killed.
- 11) President Kennedy's secretary, whose name was Lincoln, advised him not to go to Dallas.\*

\* Evelyn Lincoln (Mrs. <sup>Harold</sup> ~~Lincoln~~)

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**KENNEDY CALLED  
TENSE NEAR END**

**But Secretary Says He Was  
Fatalistic About Death**

Before President Kennedy made his fateful trip to Texas, he remarked: "If they are going to get me, they will get me even in church."

His comment is cited by Evelyn Lincoln, his personal secretary for 12 years, including his nearly three years in the White House before he was assassinated in Dallas Nov. 22, 1963.

In a copyrighted article in The Saturday Evening Post, she relates that the day before the President made the trip, her husband, Abe, told her repeatedly that he thought Mr. Kennedy should not go to Texas.

"He got me so worried, I even mentioned Abe's fear to the President," she writes. "He didn't seem alarmed; he merely said, 'If they are going to get me, they will get me even in church.'"

However, he was strangely tense just before his departure, she says, and he was furious when he discovered that an aide's previous report that it would be cool in Texas was mistaken, and that the weather was actually warm there.

**Anger Called Unusual**

"He really raved and ranted," she recounts. "This was all very unusual—first, his getting so angry, and second, bawling out this Navy man."