

Threat to Johnson

FBI Captures A Challenger

Philadelphia

A 27-year-old New Jersey man, who challenged the FBI to find him before he carried out a plan to assassinate President Johnson, was tracked down, arrested and held in \$50,000 bail yesterday.

Oswald S. Pick of Clifton, N.J., was taken into custody at 8:10 a.m. aboard a Washington-bound train.

The FBI in Washington received a telephone call from New York at 5:45 a.m. from an anonymous caller who said he was going to Washington to kill the President. The caller described himself, then challenged the FBI to find him on the 6:30 train from New York.

Agents went aboard the train in New York, Newark and Philadelphia, looked over all the 400 passengers, then took Pick into custody. No weapon was found.

In New York, U.S. Attorney Robert Morgenthau said the caller told the FBI he would be carrying a 25-caliber Barretta pistol, that he had received an undesirable discharge after serving in the Air Force from January, 1956, to October, 1959, and had spent three months in mental institutions.

Under a new law making it a crime to attempt to take the life of the President Pick could face a maximum of life in prison if convicted.

The FBI said Pick had been confined to Greystone Mental Institution in Morris-



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OSWALD PICK
Caught on a train

ville, N.J., from March to June of 1963 after being admitted voluntarily, and was readmitted from Nov. 5, 1963, to Sept. 9, 1964. The diagnosis in both cases was "personality trait disturbance; aggressive personality," an agent testified.

He added Pick was arrested twice, once on a disorderly conduct charge and again for petty larceny, that he was "well known" for telephone calls to Justice agencies in the Newark area.

A further hearing was scheduled for March 11 and the voluntary defender was advised to seek a court order for psychiatric tests.

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