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DALLAS, TEX., FEB. 19 (AP)-A WOMAN WHO TOLD POLICE SHE WANTED TO SHOOT RADIO STATION OWNER GORDON MCLENDON, FIRED A PISTOL SHOT IN THE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT TONIGHT, MISSING A MAN SHE HAD MISTAKEN FOR MCLENDON.

MCLENDON, A SENATORIAL CANDIDATE, SAID HE WOULD ASK ATTORNEY GENERAL ROBERT F. KENNEDY FOR A PROBE OF WHAT HE CALLED "AN ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT AGAINST ME."

THE SHOOTING INCIDENT TOOK PLACE SHORTLY AFTER THE THIRD DAY ENDED IN AN ATTEMPT TO GET A JURY TO TRY JACK RUBY FOR THE MURDER OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD, THE ACCUSED ASSASSIN OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY.

MCLENDON SAID HE BELIEVED THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SHOULD ATTEMPT TO FIND OUT IF "THE WOMAN IS REALLY UNBALANCED OR PART OF A DETERMINED PLOT TO KILL ME."

POLICE JAILED MRS. MARY ELIZABETH STONE, 47, OF DALLAS AND SAID THEY WOULD FILE ASSAULT TO MURDER CHARGES AGAINST HER TOMORROW.

OFFICERS SAID MRS. STONE FIRED AT W. W. DYER, 43, OF DALLAS IN THE CROWDED TERMINAL BUILDING OF LOVE FIELD, DALLAS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT. SHE WAS QUICKLY DISARMED BY STANLEY HIATT, AN AMERICAN AIRLINES TICKET AGENT AS SHE ATTEMPTED TO FIRE A SECOND SHOT AT THE MAN SHE THOUGHT WAS MCLENDON.

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DALLAS, TEX--FIRST ADD FIRST LEAD WOMAN (A211) XXX MCLENDON.

OFFICERS SAID HER FULLY LOADED .32 CALIBER AUTOMATIC PISTOL JAMMED AFTER THE FIRST SHOT. DYER CONTINUED HIS TRIP TO CHICAGO AFTER THE INCIDENT.

POLICE QUOTED MRS. STONE AS SAYING SHE WANTED TO KILL MCLENDON BECAUSE "HE IS A COMMUNIST AND FOOLS AROUND WITH COSA NOSTRA. IF I KILL HIM IT WON'T BE A SIN, EITHER." SHE ADDED, POLICE SAID, THAT SHE "PUT HOLY WATER" ON HER GUN SUNDAY.

OFFICERS SAID THE WOMAN TOLD THEM SHE BOUGHT THE AUTOMATIC AT A FORT WORTH DEPARTMENT STORE LAST WEEK.

MCLENDON SAID THE WOMAN HAD VISITED HIS OFFICE IN DALLAS SEVERAL TIMES IN THE LAST TWO DAYS IN AN ATTEMPT TO SEE HIM. SHE CAME IN EARLY THIS AFTERNOON, BRUSHED BY A SECRETARY AND ENTERED AN OFFICE WHERE HIS PRIVATE SECRETARY SAT, HE SAID.

THE WOMAN WAS TOLD THAT MCLENDON WAS NOT IN AND TOLD THE SECRETARY, "WELL I'LL BE BACK AT 4:30 THIS AFTERNOON." SHE DID NOT RETURN TO THE OFFICE, BUT INSTEAD WENT TO LOVE FIELD WHERE SHE HAD MCLENDON PAGED.

WHEN THE RADIO EXECUTIVE DID NOT RESPOND TO THE CALL, SHE SAT DOWN AND TOOK THE SHOT AT DYER AS HE WALKED TOWARD A DOORWAY LEADING TO A CONCOURSE FOR DEPARTING PLANES.

"IT'S GOING TO BE A ROUGHER CAMPAIGN THAN I THOUGHT," MCLENDON SAID. "I'M TERRIBLY RELIEVED THAT MR. DYER WAS NOT WOUNDED. I CAN'T IMAGINE THE WOMAN'S MOTIVE. SHE'S EITHER UNBALANCED OR AN ULTRA-LEFT WING HYSTERIC."

MCLENDON SEEKS THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINATION FOR U.S. SENATOR, OPPOSING SEN. RALPH YARBOROUGH, D-TEX., IN THE UPCOMING PRIMARY.

POLICE DETECTIVE FRANK MOTE QUOTED MRS. STONE AS TELLING HIM SHE HAD BEEN DISTRAUGHT EVER SINCE PRESIDENT KENNEDY WAS ASSASSINATED.

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