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**DALLAS — President Kennedy died at 2 o'clock this afternoon, Eastern Standard Time, of an assassin's bullet wound.**

**The President and Gov. John B. Connally of Texas both were cut down by bullets as they toured downtown Dallas in an open automobile.**

**The President, his limp body cradled in the arms of his wife, was rushed to Parkland Hospital. The governor also was taken to Parkland.**

**Their emergency measures, including blood transfusion, were unequal to the assassin's blow. Two priests were summoned and the President was given the last rites of the Roman Catholic Church.**

**Mr. Kennedy was shot in the head. The bullet apparently came from a sniper's high powered rifle.**

**Mr. Kennedy was the 36th President of the United States. He was 46 years old.**

**Rear Adm. George Burkley, USN, the White House physician rushed into the hospital and went to the emergency room where the President and Gov. Connally had been taken. Two priests were summoned.**

**The incident occurred just east of the triple underpass facing a park in downtown Dallas.**

**Reporters about five car lengths behind the Chief Executive heard what sounded like three bursts of gunfire.**

Secret Service agents in a follow-up car quickly unlimbered their automatic rifles.

The bubble top of the President's car was down.

They drew their pistols, but the damage was done.

The President was slumped over in the backseat of the car face down. Connally lay on the floor of the rear seat.

It was impossible to tell at once where Kennedy was hit, but bullet wounds in Connally's chest were plainly visible, indicating the gunfire might possibly have come from an automatic weapon.

Dallas Motorcycle officers escorting the President quickly leaped from their bikes and raced up a grassy hill.

It was also difficult to determine immediately whether the First Lady and Mrs. Connally were injured.

Both women were crouched down over the inert forms of their husbands as the big car raced toward the hospital.

Mrs. Kennedy was on her knees on the floor of the rear seat with her head toward the President.

There was no immediate sign that he was hurt. In fact, there was no evidence at all at what might have happened to Johnson since only the President's car and its Secret Service follow-up car went to the hospital.

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 sponsored by three Dallas organizations.

The largest turnout of the current Texas tour was on the streets to greet Mr. Kennedy.

The ambush took place at a triple underpass near downtown Dallas. Some 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 immediately sped. At the top of the hill, a man and woman appeared to be huddled on the ground.

First reports that Vice President Johnson who had been riding in a car behind the President's had been wounded appeared erroneous. Mrs. Johnson, after a quick check of the emergency room, said he had been unharmed.

Mr. Johnson was reported badly shocked by the shooting. Doctors were trying to keep him as quiet as possible.

The President earlier today had spoken at Fort Worth, and received a standing ovation from 2,000 attending a breakfast.

The last shooting incident involving a President occurred in 1950 when President Harry S. Truman was in office and was living in Blair House in Washington. The White House was being renovated at the time.

Two Puerto Rican Nationalists tried to gun their way into Blair House and assassinate Mr. Truman, who was taking a nap at the time on the second floor. One White House police officer was killed and another seriously wounded. One of the assassins was killed in a blaze of gunfire on Pennsylvania avenue.



PRESIDENT KENNEDY