

# Johnson Takes Reins Kennedy's Body Lying in State

## Mass Slated For Monday

WASHINGTON (AP)—Solemn-faced Lyndon B. Johnson, 55, shouldered the full massive burden of presidential duty Saturday in the tempo set by his first order as Chief Executive—"Now let's get airborne."

But he left the White House to John F. Kennedy, the predecessor whom he served and for whom he mourned, now lying in state in the magnificent East Room as a national martyr.

Sunday his body will be carried in a sombre cortege up the route of president's and heroes—Pennsylvania Avenue—to the Capitol where he will lie in state until Monday morning beneath the towering dome.

Then it will be taken to St. Matthews Roman Catholic Cathedral, a few blocks from the White House, where Richard Cardinal Cushing, archbishop of Boston, will celebrate a Pontifical Requiem Mass at noon.

Burial plans were uncertain. There were unconfirmed reports Kennedy would be buried where his infant son, Patrick, was interred just a few weeks ago in a family plot in a Brookline, Mass. cemetery. Arlington National Cemetery was another possibility.

For his own first full day in the high office Johnson chose to go back to his old suite in the Executive Office Building across the street.

### Day Full of Presidential Duty

But it was a day of full presidential duty nevertheless, starting before 9 a.m. (EST) with arrival at the executive mansion. The first official business was a conference with Secretary of State Dean Rusk at 9:30 a.m. to deal with worldwide problems that may have been multiplied by Kennedy's assassination.

The "get airborne" directive was Johnson's first act after he was sworn aboard the presidential jet airplane at Dallas almost beside the body of the man he was succeeding.

And he kept the pace going Friday night with a series of conferences after being flying back.

Saturday the new President left his northwest Washington home, the Elms, at 8:45 a.m. for the five-mile drive down Massachusetts Avenue to the White House.

The skies were grey and a slight drizzle had just ended when the wrought iron gates of the Johnson estate were swung open and the black limousine rolled through.

Seemed to Get Little Rest

Johnson seated in a corner of the back seat, looked as if he had not rested much.

He removed his glasses and seemed to try to oblige photographers by leaning forward to nod at them through the closed windows of the car.

Secret Service agents accompanied him, and the special Secret Service automobile known as the Queen Mary followed close behind, packed with agents and carrying one man on the running board.

Five Washington police motorcycles preceded the limousine.

A scattering of neighbors of all ages were on hand to wave to Johnson. Someone shouted "good luck!"

The cavalcade arrived at the White House at 8:55 a.m. Johnson's automobile turned into the White House grounds, but a press officer said he knew the 36th President would do his first day's work in the office he occupied as vice president.

Also on Johnson's schedule was a late morning conference with Dwight D. Eisenhower, the 34th president.

At midday, the new President was to meet with his Cabinet.

'I Will Do My Best'

On arrival in Washington Friday night from Dallas, scene of the tragedy, Johnson told the American people: "I will do my best. That is all I can do. I ask for your help, and God's."

Then he conferred with several Cabinet members, and with congressional leaders of both parties. The word went out these leaders had given hearty assurances of bipartisan support.

Only a few hours before, Johnson had taken the presidential oath in a jet plane standing on a Dallas runway, ready to depart for Washington. It was a heart-tugging ceremony witnessed by the newly widowed Jacqueline Kennedy, her clothing still stained by her husband's blood.

Johnson was riding two cars behind the President in the cavalcade through Dallas streets when the shots came from ambush.

A short time later in a crowded compartment of the presidential jet, Johnson, with his left hand on a small Bible and his right upraised, swore to "preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States." Twenty-seven persons were present.

The oath was administered, at Johnson's request, by the first woman ever to perform that function—U.S. District Judge Sarah T. Hughes of Dallas. She wept during the ceremony, which took place at 2:38 p.m. CST.

At Johnson's right hand was his wife, Lady Bird, and on his left, Mrs. Kennedy, Aldes of Kennedy crowded the compartment, invited in by Johnson. Among them were Rear Adm. George Barkley, presidential physician, his cuffs stained with blood from attending the President's head wounds.

Another present was Mrs. Evelyn Lincoln, Kennedy's second wife.

Most Regular Programs  
On Radio, TV Canceled

Most Denver television and radio stations Friday canceled their regular entertainment programming and commercials until further notice as the result of President Kennedy's assassination.

The three national networks—ABC, CBS, and NBC—are not expected to resume regular programming until after the President's funeral.

The local radio and TV stations—KFTZ, KSTV, KOA, and KJZZ—will follow the network lead and keep entertainment shows off the air.

# Slaying Charges Filed

## John Fitzgerald Kennedy

JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY: a name a symbol, a hope—a person. Gone: and our soul weeps.

A split second, a splintering shock: the end. Accomplishment ceases and promise goes unfulfilled.

We mourn the loss of our President, and we mourn the loss of the man who was our President. National and personal tragedy are commingled in a profound general woe.

We have lost a President: history will assess his greatness. We have lost a great American, a man who lived his life for his nation and took his chance with history.

As a man, John Fitzgerald Kennedy had everything: physical attractiveness, wealth, position, power, a devoted family—everything except that vital opportunity to realize his potential. The loss is immense and insupportable, but it must—and will be—supported.

AS A President, John Fitzgerald Kennedy devoted all of his extraordinary powers—his keen intelligence, his enormous energy, his capacity for persistence—to leading his nation. Many disapproved of the speed and direction of his leadership; many always disapproved of any President.

But John Fitzgerald Kennedy led. By his own lights and in his own way, he led. Too slow for some, too fast for others; hated, tolerated—and loved. He led.

In a time of rampant extremism, he led the nation along its traditional middle course of moderation, tolerance and compromise. He was a man whose quick mind never ignored the dictates of a large heart.

There were many fingers on the trigger of the rifle that sent a bullet smashing through John Fitzgerald Kennedy's head. Those lazy and craven souls who demand easy answers and immediate action, those extremists—whether of right or left—who are too soft of spirit to endure the grim and difficult realities of our times: they had their fingers on that trigger.

THE bitter irony is that they killed a man who had devoted his life to preserving and developing a nation which holds as its most cherished tenet the right of any citizen to pursue any extremity.

One of the ideas that John Fitzgerald Kennedy impressed most forcefully upon the conscience of Americans is that our nation must move ahead.

Fortunately, the man who now assumes the presidency is admirably equipped to carry on that job.

Lyndon Baines Johnson is probably the best prepared vice president in American history. All his adult life has been devoted to the service of the country. He has been at the center of national affairs, in the House, the Senate, or as a remarkably active vice president, for many years.

President Johnson is a man of proven leadership and strength. And he is part of that same middle course of American thought and attitude from which came John Kennedy and Dwight Eisenhower and Harry Truman as well.

The most fitting tribute we can now give to the memory of our late president would be not simply to mourn passively our great loss, but to rededicate ourselves, along with Lyndon B. Johnson, to the ideals of national purpose for which John F. Kennedy lived—and died.

The President is dead! Long live the President!

## Oswald Claims Innocence

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DALLAS, Tex.—Lee Harvey Oswald, 24, a boyish-looking oddball with Marxist leanings, was charged late Friday night with the murder of President John F. Kennedy.

Then the slightly built, sultry prisoner was led into a crowded squad room at Dallas Police Headquarters where nearly 100

### Oswald a Communist

Dallas Police Chief Jesse Curry said Saturday that Oswald was "readily admitted he is a Communist" and a member of the Communist party.

reporters stared at him, fired questions at him and flashed photographic lights in his face.

In this bizarre "press conference" and earlier verbal exchanges with reporters, Oswald denied knowledge of any killings. He also complained he had not been allowed to talk with an attorney.

Police Chief J. E. Curry said Oswald is the "prime suspect" in the President's death.

But in at least nine hours of questioning, Oswald adamantly denied the shooting of Kennedy, the slaying of a Dallas policeman afterward and the wounding of Texas Gov. John B. Connally.

### CHARGE FILED

The murder charge was filed with Justice of the Peace David Johnson of Dallas County at 11:26 p.m. (CST) Friday, according to Dist. Atty. Henry Wade. Earlier, at about 7:30 p.m. (CST) a similar charge had been filed accusing Oswald of the gunshot slaying of Patrolman J. D. Tippit as the officer attempted to question him as a suspicious person.

It was shortly after the Tippit shooting that Oswald was arrested by six policemen in a Dallas theater.

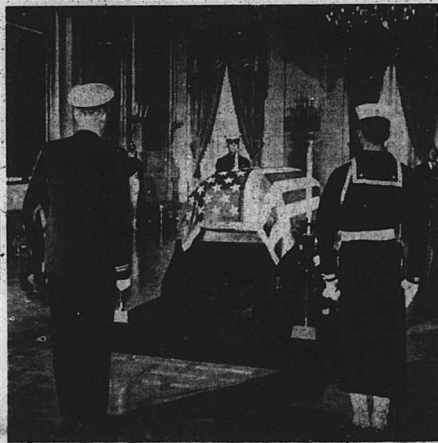
Wade said Oswald repeatedly denied both killings. The district attorney said in an early morning press conference Saturday he would seek the death penalty "in both cases."

It is the police theory that Oswald was the sniper who shot Kennedy and Connally with a German-made war surplus rifle from the sixth floor of a Dallas building at 12:31 p.m. (CST) Friday.

'RED' LEANINGS

Curry said Oswald had admitted what the chief called "Communist leanings." Wade said he understands Oswald is a member of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, a pro-Castro morning paper organization.

A reporter asked Wade, "Do you believe Oswald is a Communist?" (Continued on page 3)



BODY OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY LIES IN REPOSE AT THE WHITE HOUSE. The honor guard comprises four enlisted men of the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force.



LYNDON B. JOHNSON TAKES THE OATH AS PRESIDENT ABOARD PLANE AT DALLAS. Federal Court Judge Sarah T. Hughes administers the oath. Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy stands beside Johnson. Later they flew to Washington with President Kennedy's body.

## JFK Kissed in Death By Heartbroken Wife

WASHINGTON (AP)—Mrs. John F. Kennedy said goodbye to her husband with a kiss on his lifeless lips and then slipped her ring on his finger.

And from then on—from the emergency room in the Dallas hospital through the sad flight home, to the naval hospital where he was prepared for burial until she brought him home in death to the White House early Saturday—she was at his side.

As she passed through the somber portals of the executive mansion she still wore the pink suit stained with the blood of his fatal wounds, and bore herself with self control.

DAZED, TEARLESS

It was a harsh day and it left Mrs. Kennedy dazed and tearless, almost unable to bear attention.

"Her husband had been shot as he sat beside her in a gully received motorcade. She held him, bleeding and mortally wounded in a speeding dash to a Dallas hospital where he never regained consciousness.

In the hospital, she had bid her handsome 46-year-old husband a goodbye that was so touching a witness, Rep. Henry B. Gonzalez, D-Tex., "couldn't bear to watch."

"Pray for him," Mrs. Kennedy asked a Roman Catholic priest who administered last rites to the President.

OATH OF OFFICE

With the tragedy written in her face, Mrs. Kennedy stood beside Lyndon B. Johnson in a crowded compartment of the presidential plane as he took the oath of office to succeed her husband.

Now, it remained for Mrs. Kennedy to console her small children over the loss of their father. And evidently Mrs. Kennedy planned to break the news to them herself. Late Friday (Continued on page 3)

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### THE WEATHER

"It's a Privilege to Live in Colorado"

The sun rose in Denver at 6:15 a.m.; the sun sets at 4:39 p.m.

DENVER TEMPERATURES FOR NOVEMBER	
DATE	TEMPERATURE
11/1	40-50
11/2	42-52
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Denver and vicinity (Radius 30 Miles)—Fair Saturday night, partly cloudy Sunday, Low Saturday night around 30. High Sunday in the middle 50s.

Colorado—Generally fair Saturday night and in the south east Sunday. Partly cloudy Sunday north and west with a few new flurries in northern mountains.

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LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
Prime suspect.

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