

KENNEDY SLAIN

Texas Governor Wounded

Johnson Had JFK's Esteem

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Lyndon B. Johnson, coming into the presidency on the assassination death of John F. Kennedy Friday, enjoyed Kennedy's high esteem and confidence.

From old political foes—with the Democratic party—they became a close working team.

Johnson tried in 1960 for the presidential nomination. When Kennedy won, Johnson accepted second place on the Democratic ticket.

Accepting, too, the Kennedy leadership, he became extraordinarily active in behalf of the Kennedy policies.

This activity included work for the civil rights program Kennedy laid down—something that lessened Johnson's popularity in the South—and there was some talk this year that Johnson might be dumped from the ticket next year.

KENNEDY NODS
But on Oct. 31, Kennedy was asked whether, if he ran next year, he would again want Johnson as the vice presidential nominee, and whether he expected Johnson to be on the ticket. He replied:

"Yes, to both of these questions. That is correct."

Johnson is a former Democratic senator from Texas, best known for the vigorous, aggressive way he handled the job of Democratic leader of the House.

Heart Attack Rumor 'False'

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Frank Valeo, secretary to the Senate Democratic majority, told reporters Friday there was "no substance" to rumors that Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson had suffered a heart attack.

Valeo's statement was made after he talked by telephone with Ralph Dungan, a White House assistant.

Johnson, in the party in Dallas, Tex., when Kennedy was shot to death, had been reported "ill" by his wife, who denied a report that he also had been shot.

Senate before he quit to become vice president.

What direction may the Johnson administration take?

In one of the numerous speeches he made in recent years—this one in Washington April 26—Johnson offered a broad view of what he thought the Democrats should attempt in next year's presidential campaign and thereafter.

PARTY OF ACTION
He said the Democrats must demonstrate that they are a party of action offering solutions for the new kinds of problems brought about by population increases and concentration, and by the lengthening of life expectancy.

"We have new capacities," he said. "We have new potentials. We stand at the edge of a new era of human progress in our own country and in the world."

"At this decisive moment of opportunity, the party of the opposition offers only the slogan 'America cannot do it—America cannot afford the programs that we need.'"

He called for a full and enthusiastic support of Democrats everywhere for Kennedy's foreign and domestic programs.

"The American majority is constructive—and our party today is serving that constructiveness," he said.

Johnson, 55, suffered a severe heart attack in 1955 but came back strong and is one of the most vigorous politicians ever on the Washington scene.

As Senate majority leader, he was all over the political scene, but some thought he would have to slow down when he became vice president—ordinarily just a ceremonial job.

But he took on so many chores he needed three offices from which to operate—in the Capitol, in the new Senate Office Building.

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PRESIDENT JOHN KENNEDY AND GOV. JOHN CONNALLY BEFORE THEY WERE SHOT IN DALLAS. Mrs. Kennedy sits between them in convertible as they left Love Field for the ride into downtown Dallas.



PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY IS SLUMPED DOWN IN BACK SEAT OF CAR AFTER BEING SHOT. Mrs. Kennedy leans over the president as an unidentified man stands on bumper of the car which carried president.

President Shot In Head During Dallas Parade

COMPILED FROM WIRE DISPATCHES

DALLAS—President John F. Kennedy, 35th President of the United States, was shot to death Friday by a hidden assassin armed with a high-powered rifle.

Kennedy, 46, lived about 30 minutes after a sniper cut him down as his limousine left downtown Dallas. Reporters said the shot

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that hit him was fired about 11:30 a.m. (MST).

A hospital announcement said he died at noon (MST) of a bullet wound in the head.

Automatically, the mantle of the presidency fell to Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson, a native Texan who had been riding two cars behind the chief executive.

Johnson was sworn in as the 36th President at about 12:38 p.m. (MST). The oath was administered by U.S. District Judge Sarah T. Hughes.

Johnson took the oath aboard the presidential plane at

Police Say Suspect Sought Soviet Ties

Compiled From Wire Dispatches
DALLAS—A 24-year-old man who said two years ago he wanted Russian citizenship was questioned Friday to see whether he had any connection with the assassination of President Kennedy.

He was identified as Lee Harvey Oswald of Fort Worth. He was pulled screaming and yelling from the Texas Theater in the Oak Cliff section of Dallas shortly after a Dallas policeman was shot to death.

On Nov. 1, 1963, Oswald told the U.S. Embassy in Moscow he had applied for Soviet citizenship. He said he had been a tourist in Russia since Oct. 13 that year. Oswald was reported to have a Russian wife.

Police Capt. Pat Gannaway said Oswald was an employee in the building along Kennedy's route where a rifle was found.

Policeman J. D. Tippitt, 38, was slain as he and fellow officer M. N. MacDonald chased the suspect into a rear exit of the theater.

Tippitt and MacDonald had received a tip that the assassin of Kennedy might have gone to the theater.

Oswald, police said, brandished a pistol which MacDonald took away from him after a scuffle, and was quoted as saying, "Well, it's all over now."

Dallas' Love Field as he prepared to fly to Washington to take over the government.

Present at the swearing-in were Mrs. Kennedy and Mrs. Johnson. The presidential plane took off immediately for Washington with Johnson, Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Kennedy aboard. The president's body was to arrive in Washington aboard an Air Force plane Friday night.

Kennedy died at Parkland Hospital, where his bullet—
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Johnson Succeeds To U. S. Presidency

Vice President Lyndon Johnson succeeded to the presidency of the United States Friday, with the assassination of John F. Kennedy.

Under the line of succession set up by the Constitution, the vice president steps into the office of Chief Executive when the President dies or is incapacitated.

The line of succession lists the speaker of the House as next in line. Present speaker of the House is Rep. John W. McCormack, D-Mass.

Should both the vice president and the speaker be eliminated, the new president would be named in this order:
The president pro tempore of the Senate.
The secretary of state.
The secretary of the treasury.
The secretary of defense.
Attorney general.
Postmaster general.
Secretary of the interior.
Secretary of agriculture.
Secretary of commerce.
Secretary of labor.

Death Brings Military Alert

Military officials confirmed Friday afternoon that all United States armed forces have doubled their alert as a result of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

The officials said the doubled alert will be maintained until it is determined who was behind the assassination.

Presumably, if it was triggered by a foreign power, it could set the stage for an attack.

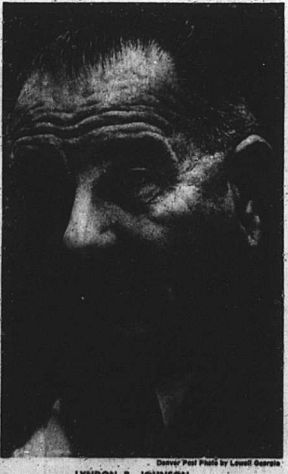
The Strategic Air Command based in Omaha, Neb., which keeps a number of planes in the air around the clock, would double that number in the case of such an alert.

BOMBERS, MISSILES
SAC's airborne alert includes B52 bombers and Titan, Atlas, and Minuteman missiles, all intercontinental missiles.

In Colorado Springs, it was reported that the North American Air Defense Command had gone on a 24-hour alert with the principal objective of being in



LEE HARVEY OSWALD, 24, HELD IN DALLAS



LYNDON B. JOHNSON
He became chief executive on death of John F. Kennedy.

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