



OSWALD LINKED WITH RIFLE

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sniper assassination of President Kennedy and the fatal shooting in Oak Cliff minutes later of a Dallas policeman, 29-year-old J.D. Tippit.

Capt. Fritz said Oswald still denies everything, "but he is responding better to questioning." He said the investigation concerning the assault on Gov. John Connally would be turned over to Capt. O.A. Jones for preparation of charges and added, "It's ready to be filed now."

Gov. Connally was wounded in the shooting just before 12:30 p.m. Friday in which President Kennedy was slain by one or more rifle shots fired from a sixth-story window at the corner of Elm and Houston streets. His condition Saturday was reported satisfactory.

CAUGHT IN THEATRE

Oswald was arrested an hour later after a wild scuffle with police in an Oak Cliff theater. Officer Tippit already had been shot to death at 10th and Patton streets in Oak Cliff.

City detectives, Secret Service, Federal Bureau of Investigation, sheriff's deputies and a representative of Dist. Atty. Henry Wade were all involved in the lengthy interrogations of Oswald.

In late afternoon Saturday, anticipating Oswald's rumored transfer from the city jail to county jail, hundreds of Dallosites lined the west side of Houston street near the driveway to the Dallas County Jail. On the opposite side of Houston street at least 50 TV cameras moved into range.

Dallas Transit Co. reported that traffic in the area—and nearby, where the President was shot—was so heavy that buses were running up to 35 minutes behind schedule.

SPECULATION SWIRLS

Speculations swirled around Oswald's background, and especially his alleged pro-Russian and pro-Castro feelings.

Capt. Fritz said Oswald has said he is pro-Castro and is a member of the American Civil Liberties Union.

A foreign-made rifle, some shells and a pistol were all sent to Washington Friday night for fingerprint checking. The rifle and shells were found in the sixth-floor room from where the dead-

ly shots were fired as the presidential motorcade moved toward Stemmons Freeway just after Friday noon. The pistol was taken from Oswald when he was arrested in the theater.

Police Chief Jesse Curry said Lt. Carl Day of the Police Department's identification bureau believed that partial palm prints found on a packing box at the sixth floor window were definitely Oswald's.

Police also learned that a 19-year-old Dallas man who drove Oswald to work from his home in Irving Friday morning noticed he was carrying a long object wrapped in brown paper. It was the approximate length of a rifle and the man said Oswald told him it was window shades.

MANY QUESTIONED

Many witnesses were being questioned by Capt. Fritz and others throughout Saturday. Among them were believed to be the driver of a bus which Oswald rode one block from the shooting scene, and a cab driver who may have taken Oswald to an address on Beckley where he had a room.

Police theorize Oswald then changed clothes, went outside and shortly encountered Officer Tippit.

Oswald was an employe of Texas Book Depository, occupant of the seven-story building at Elm and Houston from where the shots were fired.

Another employe of the firm was interviewed at length Saturday after appearing voluntarily. Capt. W.P. Ganaway of the Police Department's Special Services Bureau said this man's name has been in the subversive files of the department since 1955. He was not jailed and police said he was not arrested.

Chief Curry said Oswald had lived in Dallas about two months.

QUZZED EARLIER

A controversy almost blossomed Saturday when The Times Herald learned that the FBI interrogated Oswald and his Russian-born wife less than two weeks ago. Police Chief Curry said, regardless, Oswald had never been recorded by the Dallas police as either a subversive or a criminal. Later, Chief Curry called a press conference to emphasize there were no

differences between his department and the FBI.

Capt. Fritz said that Oswald, during interrogations and in front of the press as well, had asked for a lawyer. On one of the prisoner's many trips through the halls he halted suddenly before a TV reporter, leaned toward the microphone and said in a low voice, "I want to talk to Mr. Abt."

United Press International, in a dispatch out of New York, identified the man as John J. Abt, and said: "During the 1940's and 1950's his name was almost synonymous with the legal defense of the Communist party in the United States."

LETTER REVEALED

In the last-moving development, Oswald's service record as

a Marine avowed added in a 1961 letter from the Pentagon personnel files shot a new one on the Dallas cranes.

Dated Jan. 20, 1961, it was sent in from the Marine Corps. It was by Lee Harvey Oswald, it addressed to then Secretary of the Navy John Connally, asked a reversal of Oswald's desirable discharge from the time Corps.

The letter raised the question of whether the primary target of Friday's tragedy was Gov. Connally or President Kennedy.

In part, the letter stated shall employ all means to fix this gross mistake or injustice. It was a bona-fide U.S. citizen and serviceman.

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