

# THE BAYLOR LARIAT

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## KENNEDY ASSASSINATED

### President Dies in Dallas At 1 p.m.; Connally Also Shot

By ED DeLONG  
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DALLAS—President John F. Kennedy was killed by an assassin here Friday.

John Connally, governor of Texas, was shot three times in the same incident and is reported in serious condition at Parkland Hospital.

Assistant press secretary Malcolm Kilduff made the official announcement of the President's death at 1:35 p.m.

"President John F. Kennedy died at approximately 1 p.m. CST today here in Dallas.

"He died of a gun shot wound in the brain.

"The President was shot only once."

Kilduff said only doctors were with the President when he died in an emergency admitting room.

Mrs. Kennedy and Mrs. Connally, both uninjured, walked into the hospital as the President and the Governor were carried in.

The President was shot at 12:35 p.m.

"The President was not dead on arrival but did not regain consciousness," Kilduff said.

Shortly before Kennedy's death became known, he was administered the last rites of the Roman Catholic Church. He had been the first Roman Catholic President in American history.

Even as two clergymen hovered over the fallen President in the hospital emergency room, doctors and nurses administered blood transfusions.

The President was in Dallas on the fourth stop in his tour of five major Texas cities. He arrived at Dallas Love Field about 11:30 a.m. to be greeted by an unusually large number of cheering spectators.

As he left the plane, preceded by the First Lady, Kennedy did not go directly to the waiting limousine.

Instead he strode briskly over to a large group of children waiting behind one of the barricades and spent about five minutes

shaking hands and talking to them.

This was in sharp contrast to his usual habit of passing through the reception line and directly into the waiting car. After the President entered his car, the motorcade began moving away from the airport at about 10 miles per hour.

It passed from Dallas' Love Field into the heart of downtown

Vice-President Lyndon B. Johnson was sworn in as President of the United States of America at 2:45 p.m. CST Friday.

The swearing in ceremonies were held at Dallas Love Field where Johnson and the late President John F. Kennedy had landed only hours before.

Dallas, where people in this strong Republican city had been lining the streets since 9 a.m. to get a glance of their Democratic president.

The President's caravan passed through these cheering people and out of the canyon of Dallas' downtown business area.

It passed around the Dallas County Court House and toward the three-level interchange that leads to Stemmons Parkway, and to the Dallas Trade Mart about two miles away.

It was as the President's car approached this interchange that the assassination took place.

They believed the fatal shots were fired by a white man, about 30, slender of build, weighing about 165 pounds, and standing 5 feet 10 inches tall.

Meanwhile, at the Trade Mart, an estimated 3,000 to 4,000 people awaited the President in a festive mood.

As the minutes passed, they began to wonder where the presidential party was but did not become alarmed because they remembered the President had been behind schedule in Houston the day before.

Newsmen, hurrying between the first floor banquet tables and the pressroom on the fourth floor, suddenly began hearing that the President had been shot.

Except for this, no one suspected anything until long after the President had died.

When newsmen arrived at Parkland Hospital they found many police and Sen. Ralph Yarborough standing outside the emergency entrance to the hospital. The President's car—usually opened but now with a long black convertible top pulled over it—stood in the ambulance drive.

Inside the hospital there was no definite information until Kilduff made his announcement.

#### Death Mourned

Baylor President Abner V. McCall issued a statement Friday on the death of President John F. Kennedy.

The statement read: "The assassination of the President of the United States is a tragedy. It is not only the loss of the national leader at this crucial time but a blow to the whole American tradition of freedom and self-government.

"All Baylor people will join in prayer for the family of President Kennedy and for our nation in this crisis."



A FINAL PHOTOGRAPH—This photograph of President Kennedy was taken in San Antonio Thursday by Lariat photographer Paul Currier, less than 24 hours before the President was killed.

### Shooting Described

By RAY HUBENER  
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DALLAS—A woman who said she witnessed the assassination of President John F. Kennedy said a gunman above a hill shot the President in the head as his limousine came around a corner on the way to the Trade Mart.

Another witness said the President grabbed his chest and fell over. Mrs. Kennedy fell over him and said "My God, he's been shot."

Gov. John Connally also was shot. Blood was seen on his head and face, but he did not fall over completely.

Dallas police picked up a neatly dressed young man in his 20s. He has denied the slaying and said he has witnesses to prove it.

There was no emotional outburst after the news of the shooting broke out. "It's a sad day," a man in his middle 30s said.

Women cried. Most people stood by, stunned. There was reserved weeping all around.

At 1:10 p.m. there was a moment of silent prayer then an oral prayer as the audience waiting to hear a speech by the President filed out of the Trade Mart.

### Yarborough Tells Press What He Saw

By ED DeLONG

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DALLAS — Texas Senator Ralph Yarborough, who was riding in the third car of President John F. Kennedy's procession Friday when the President was shot and killed, gave this account of the shooting:

"I couldn't see the President's car because the second car in the procession was full of secret service men who were standing up. There were two explosions.

"I had the impression that they came from the right and behind us.

"After about the second explosion—it sounded like a powerful rifle—we could see smoke lingering over the area.

"The secret service men whipped out a submachine gun. But I do not know whether they fired," Yarborough said.

"The shots sounded like an explosion (here Yarborough paused and counted slowly to five) another explosion and then another bang.

"The secret service men in the second car told the Vice-President and Mrs. Johnson and me to lie down. We got down level with the top of the car," he said.

Yarborough said that the President's car, the secret service car, and his car immediately accelerated to a high rate of speed.

"We were moving very fast—our car could hardly keep up. We came straight to the hospital emergency entrance.

"I saw a secret service man on the car of the President beat the car in despair and I knew then that the worst had happened," Yarborough said.

### Campus Reaction

#### Students Stunned At News of Death

Baylor students were stunned at the news of the assassination of President Kennedy.

"This is the most unbelievable thing I've ever heard of," said Elaine Moore. "I can't believe the insanity of a person who would

do a thing like that. I'm embarrassed to be a Texan."

Jeanine Hicks, niece of Gov. John Connally who was shot in the right shoulder, leg, and wrist by the assassin, was working in an office on the fourth floor of Tidwell Building when she heard the news over the radio.

"All I've heard is what came over the radio," she said. "Uncle Johnny talked to Bill Stinson, a friend and advisor from Austin, who was with him there in the operating room. He (Connally) said that the President had been shot and Stinson asked how it happened.

"Uncle Johnny said he didn't know."

Here are other comments from students:

"I think it's awful," said Nancy Canada. "I think it's worse for Texas. I'm from Dallas. Just to think that people from my own hometown could do such a thing, well . . ."

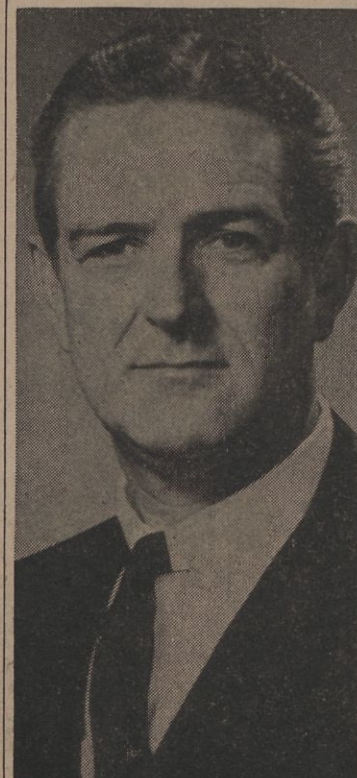
Jack Arrington, also of Dallas, said, "It's a bad thing to happen anywhere. What can you say?"

Rogers sophomore Brian Harbour said, "It's unreal. I can't believe anybody would be so completely . . . a maniac. I can't believe he's dead . . . in Dallas, Texas."

"Tragic. Very significant of what's happening politically . . . lasting impact on world and nation," said Page Fulgham, Atlanta, Ga., senior.



JOHNSON IN SAN ANTONIO THURSDAY  
The Vice-President Was Riding In Another Car Friday  
—Photo by Paul Currier



GOV. JOHN CONNALLY  
In Serious Condition