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DA,,AS UPI - Three shots

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DALLAS UPI - Three shots
were fired at President Ken-
Nedy's motorcade today in
downtown Dallas.

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FLASH - DALLAS Kennedy
seriously wounded, perhaps fa-
tally by assassins bullet.

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67 Shooting 11-22 br1241p

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66 1st lead Shooting

DALLAS UPI - President
Kennedy and Gov. John B. Con-
nally of Texas were cut down
by an assassin's bullets as they
toured downtown Dallas in an
open automobile today.

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68 Shooting

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The President, his limp body
cradled in the arms of his wife,
was rushed to Parkland Hospi-
tal. The governor also was tak-
en to Parkland.

Clint Hill, a Secret Service
agent assigned to Mrs. Kenne-
dy, said "he's dead," as the
President was lifted from the
rear of a White House touring
car, the famous "Bubbletop",
from Washington. He was rush-
ed to an emergency room in the
hospital.

Other White House officials
were in doubt as the corridors
of the hospital erupted in pan-
demonium.

The incident occurred just
east of the triple underpass fac-
ing a park in downtown Dallas.

Reporters about five car
lengths behind the chief execu-
tive heard what sounded like
three bursts of gunfire.

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

The bubble top of the Presi-
dent's car was down.

They drew their pistols, but
the damage was done.

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

Holes in Chest

It was impossible to tell at
the moment where Kennedy
was hit, but bullet holes in Con-
nally's chest were plain

ly visible, indicating the gunfire might possibly have come from an automatic weapon.

There were three loud bursts.

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

At the top of the hill, a man and woman appeared huddled on the ground.

In the turmoil, it was impossible to determine at once whether the Secret Service and Dallas police returned the gunfire that struck down Kennedy and Connally.

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

Both women were in the car.

Crouched Over Forms

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.

Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson was in a car behind the President's.

There was no immediate sign that he was hurt. In fact, there was no evidence at all 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 Kennedy.

An estimated 250,000 people lined the streets.

At 12:50 p. m., acting White House Secretary Malcolm Kilguff was asked whether the President was dead.

"I have no word now," Kilguff replied.

Rushes Into Hospital

A few minutes later, Rear Adm. George Burkley, USN, THE White House physician rushed into the hospital. He headed for the emergency room where the President and Connally were taken.

The motorcade was so strung out as the result of the speedy Secret Service departure from the scene of the shooting that members of the Kennedy staff were from 15 minutes to a half hour behind in reaching the hospital.

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It was impossible under the tension at the hospital to assemble a clearcut story of the incident because the burst of gunfire took only seconds.

Some of the 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 directed their attention as they raced up the slope.

UPI White House reporter Merriman Smith was in a radio-telephone "pool" car about eight carlengths behind the President.

He and three other colleagues along with Kilduff raced to the hospital behind the President's car and arrived at the emergency entrance before litters were brought up to remove the President and the governor from their car.

When the President was taken into the emergency room, a call was sent out immediately for some of the top surgical specialists in Dallas.

A call also was sent for a Roman Catholic priest.

Congressman Jim Wright of Fort Worth said both Kennedy and Connally were seriously wounded but were alive.

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EDITORS - The Kennedy story, Dallas, may be signed by Merriman Smith
UPI White House Reporter

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70 Shooting 11-22 br106p

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DALLAS UPI - President John F. Kennedy was shot and perhaps fatally wounded today.

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67 2nd 1d Shooting

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By MERRIMAN SMITH

UPI White House Reporter

DALLAS UPI - President Kennedy was shot and gravely wounded by a would-be assassin today as he drove through downtown Dallas in an open car with Texas gov. John B. Connally.

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Connally was wounded, too.

The President and governor were rushed to a hospital with Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy, who was in the same car, cradling her husband's head in her lap.

Minutes after the shooting a Secret Service man was heard to say: "He's dead."

However, Congressman Jim Wright of Fort Worth said both the president and Connally were alive although in serious condition.

Mrs. Connally was also in the famous bubbletop car. The top was down. Neither of the women appeared to have been hurt, at least not seriously.

Three Shots Heard

Three gunbursts of fire, apparently from automatic weapons, were heard.

The Secret Service men, who are constantly at the President's side, unloosened automatic weapons and drew pistols but it was too late.

The incident occurred just east of an underpass facing a public park in downtown Dallas.

Moments after the shooting, Kennedy lay slumped over in the back seat of the car, face down. Connally lay on the floor of the rear seat.

There was one report that Kennedy had been wounded in the head, Connally in the chest.

Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy was heard to scream as she reached for her husband.

A member of the President's staff said at 1:55 p. m. EST that the President was alive.

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NEW YORK UPI - The

New York Stock Exchange closed operations today after word of the assassination attempt against President Kennedy.

The cotton and the wool exchanges also closed.