

# 33 Unanswered Questions About Pres. Kennedy's Death

As the investigation of the President Kennedy's assassination and the murder of his presumed assassin goes on in Dallas, many questions crowd the anxious minds of U.S. citizens.

Several sources, including a New York Times Columnist, have suggested a national commission of inquiry similar to the blue ribbon Pearl Harbor investigation. Such an investigative group would be non-partisan and might well include both former Presidents, Dwight D. Eisenhower and Harry S. Truman, if their health permits.

The Chicago Daily Defender believes that the circumstances of the Dallas tragedy should be fully explored and the nation informed.

Our own staff and a number of citizens asked the following questions:

**1. Why was not Lee Harvey Oswald's stomach pumped Friday afternoon to establish conclusively whether he had or had not consumed the half-eaten chicken found in the Texas Book Depository building?**

**2. If this the assassination of Kennedy is the spur-of-the moment, emotional crime of a fanatic, why did Oswald use an assumed name in March when he allegedly purchased the gun by mail from a Chicago gun house?**

**3. Was Oswald ever in Jack Ruby's night clubs spots? This was alleged from first reports by both an ex-Dallas stripper and a waiter. The stripper was later written off as a publicity hound. Was the waiter a valid witness?**

**4. At least one national television network announced Sunday evening that the Dallas police reported that there was a connection between Oswald and Ruby and that the latter had killed Oswald "to shut him up." Was this report completely inaccurate?**

**5. Did the FBI have Oswald, the known Marxist with a Russian wife, under surveillance since his return from Russia? If not, why not?**

**6. There is confusion about a report that the FBI or Secret Service had questioned Oswald as a normal precaution before the Kennedy tour. What is the truth? If the FBI did question him, (a Chicago paper reports flatly the FBI had) why was not the Dallas Police force in-**

**formed of his presence in town?**

**7. Swatikas were painted on Jewish business houses in Dallas in April; the incident involving Ambassador Stevenson occurred several weeks ago. There have also been news reports that both Stevenson and Gov. John Connally warned Kennedy of danger in Dallas. Friday morning the Dallas Morning News published a full page hate ad paid for by right wingers. In light of all this, why was the President's route through Dallas not changed? If he insisted, as reported, on the route used, why did not the security forces take extra precautions to guard him from a sniper? Why was the bubble-top not used? Why were Secret Service men not on the fenders and back of the car to shield him?**

**8. Why, if at least one unarmed private citizen saw a**

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gun barrel sticking through a window, did not the security forces also see it in time to counterfire, if only after the assassin's shots were fired?

9. What are the details of Oswald and Ruby's personal finances?

10. Was the partially empty Texas Book Depository checked before the tour? Is it not a routine precaution to police empty or partly empty buildings which are on a dignitary's motorcade route? If the building was "the best possible" for the assassin's purposes, why was this not equally.

11. If as The New York Times reported, it may be that a "charger" was used on the Italian rifle used to kill the President, has the charger been found? If so, where?

12. Is it merely an unusual coincidence that Oswald, a lone fanatic mad enough to kill a President, was also a superlative marksman, who happened to find a job in a nearly perfect building for his crime along the President's route? And a route that was only published Friday morning?

13. The New York Times reported from Dallas in its Nov. 29 edition, that "The parade route was not decided on until shortly before the President's arrival and it was not published until the morning of his death." Is it merely "happstance" as the same Times report stated, that Oswald had gained employment in the one building with a rear exit and best vantage point (the book depository) along the chosen route?

14. If Oswald planned it in far in advance, was he the sole plotter?

15. Was Ruby, who had known gangland connections and operated a strip tease place which is sometimes in large cities, a cover for organized vice, a pay-off man for Oswald?

16. Is it in character that such a man would kill to save Mrs. Kennedy the ordeal of a trial? Was it widely reported in Dallas that the prosecutor said Friday evening that he saw no need to involve members of the Kennedy family in Oswald's trial?

17. Did Ruby's friendliness with Dallas police date back to his arrival in Dallas? If not, when did it begin?

18. Why would an avowed Marxist such as Oswald, with a Russian wife, choose to live in Dallas, the heart of rightwing hate groups?

19. Are there any ties between the Dallas city administration and police force and the Dallas residents who are wealthy backers of rightwing movements?

20. Should police security measures in all U.S. cities for prisoners and visiting dignitaries be reviewed and reexamined?

21. Two forces feeling most of the Kennedy administration's effectiveness are Teamster President James Hoffa, and the crime syndicate including narcotics rings in the U.S. Is there any relationship of either with the assassination?

22. How did left winger Oswald get a job so quickly with a semi-state agency in a state which abhors communism?

24. Oswald had lived in New Orleans. Did he have any ties with narcotics smuggling along the Gulf of Mexico?

25. Is it routine to alert local physicians as Dallas doctors were, to stand by for possible medical calls when a President visits any American city?

26. Can police lab men dis-

tinguish between graphite burns on the skin caused by a rifle and a hand gun?

27. What's happened to the hand gun used to kill Officer Tippitt? Did Oswald purchase it? If so, when and where did he purchase this weapon?

28. Is there an official record of Oswald's purchase, if any of the hand gun? If so, why were not Dallas security people alerted to him before the tragedy?

29. If no security people had questioned Oswald prior to the assassination, how was his life history available within three-four hours of his arrest?

30. Why do several old-time Chicago bar owners with dubious connections clam up on Rubin when questioned by newsmen?

31. Why did not the FBI take charge of the assassination investigation at once?

32. Did a wealthy Dallas businessman tag along on Mme. Nhu's recent tour of the U.S.?

33. Is there any tie between the high crimes in Dallas and these individuals?