

L. T. OLDS, FISHER. TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1963

The continuity of American life is symbolized tonight - by a chair in the President's office in the White House. The famous Kennedy rocking chair - is gone. In its place - a Johnson rocking chair. No longer the light tan modern - in which President Kennedy used to sit as he conducted national business. The new rocker has - a dark brown cover. Also - a head rest. The tall new President deciding on - something to fit his stature.

A minor point, you might say - during a national tragedy. But it's not altogether minor that the man now serving as Chief Executive - has already put his stamp on the Executive Mansion. Even to the switch - of rocking chairs.

Lyndon Johnson - is President of the United States. The President's office in the White House is beginning to look like - Lyndon Johnson's office. Which

LEAD - 2

is as it should be - no matter how tragic the circumstances that put him there.

As for the rest of the White House - the new First Lady had done exactly what we knew she would do. Mrs. Johnson, refusing to think of moving in - until Mrs. Kennedy has had all the time she needs to make her own plans and arrangements, the lovely courageous and beautiful first lady who may have left her mark on that famous mansion more than the wife of any president in our history.

JOHNSON

Our new President lost no time - in assuming control of the executive branch of the federal government. With so many foreign dignitaries calling on him to offer their condolences - Lyndon Johnson of course took the opportunity for some informal conversations - that sometimes can be so important.

His aim today was to stress the point that this country's major policies will not change. Telling Deputy Mikoyan that he intends to continue working for better relations with the Soviet Union. Telling Chancellor Erhard, that our commitment to the freedom of West Germany - remains as firm as ever. And, arranging for formal meetings early next year - with Charles de Gaulle and Britain's Prime Minister Home.

Domestic affairs always require attention and Congress resumed today - with no chance this year for passing two key administration proposals: the civil rights bill and the tax cut.

JOHNSON

President Johnson, who served as majority leader in the senate for so long, perhaps has a better understanding and appreciation of how to work with Congress than any President we have ever had. Tomorrow he will appear before them in his new role, and give the lawmakers some of his thoughts on national and international affairs. At 12.30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time he will address a joint session of Congress. So tomorrow will be another important day in history, or is likely to be, for it will also give the nation a better opportunity to size up the tall Texan, whose broad shoulders must now carry such awesome responsibilities.



## ALLIANCE

President Johnson's first policy declaration - contains a dedication to his predecessor. The President, speaking of the Alliance For Progress - and terming it a "living memorial" to John <sup>F.</sup> Kennedy. As we know, ~~the~~ <sup>President</sup> Kennedy both originated the alliance for Progress - and kept a close watch on its development. Lyndon Johnson pledges to maintain - the same interest.

Speaking to Latin American diplomats at the White House, he reaffirmed the ~~Kennedy~~ Kennedy promise - that America will take a more active role in aiding the democracies of this hemisphere.

## WALL STREET

One place where they certainly believe that Lyndon Johnson will make a strong President - is Wall Street. The stock market - which closed Friday at the news of the assassination - re-opened today with strong trading. The weekend lull gave investors a chance to estimate - the effects of the national tragedy. And they answered - with an emphatic vote of confidence in President Johnson. They are calling it the sharpest advance in the history of the New York Stock Exchange. A striking vote of confidence from the business world.

Presumably, the argument will go - like this: - All Americans were horrified - by the murder of the President. Many - were distraught. Including - Jack Ruby. And since the prisoner charged with the crime was only a few blocks from Ruby's night club - Ruby, unable to control his impulse to exact revenge, became

## RUBY

In Dallas - the phrase is - "murder with malice". Meaning - Ruby the night club owner, is accused of murder in the first degree. The Grand Jury, taking only a few minutes with the case of the man who shot Lee Oswald, assassinating the presumed assassin - of President Kennedy.

Judge Joseph Brown promptly set the date for the trial - December Ninth. District Attorney Henry Wade says he'll ask for - the death penalty. Ruby's defense? His lawyer will almost certainly plead - "temporary insanity".

Presumably, the argument will go - like this:- All Americans were horrified - by the murder of the President. Many - were distraught. Including - Jack Ruby. And since the prisoner charged with the crime was only a few blocks from Ruby's night club - Ruby, unable to control his impulse to exact revenge, became temporarily insane.

KENNEDY

*Is this - a strong defense? We'll know - after*

*the trial begins on December ninth. The trial of Jack*

*Ruby, who almost certainly will be remembered as - the*

*assassin of the assassin of President Kennedy.*

*marks the final resting place of - John Fitzgerald*

*Kennedy.*

*Visitors will be guided by that flame - for*

*all the years to come, just as they were - today. The*

*first of those to make the pilgrimage - is the grave of*

*our martyred President, the Queen of Greece. And*

*Pakistani delegation from the United Nations. Also,*

*many Americans - who felt the death of President*

*Kennedy as though he were a member of the family -*

*even as you and I.*



## KENNEDY

Washington's newest landmark is a beacon - in the literal sense. A licking flame in Arlington cemetery - that can be seen at night from the Lincoln Memorial, across the Potomac. The eternal flame that marks the final resting place of - John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

Visitors will be guided by that flame - for all the years to come, just as they were - today. The first of those to make the pilgrimage - to the grave of our martyred President, the Queen of Greece. And Pakistani delegation from the United Nations. Also, many Americans - who felt the death of President Kennedy as though he were a member of the family - even as you and I.

## MARSEILLES

*Cities everywhere in the free world - are dropping old names for a new one. London, Paris, Bonn, Manila, Singapore - the list is a long one. So long, that it seems as if every metropolis on our side of the Iron Curtain - will have a "John F. Kennedy Boulevard" or a "John F. Kennedy Square."*

*For one*  
~~will be to mention~~ *the city of Marseilles. The people of the great French seaport on the Mediterranean*  
*they* understand what Dallas, Texas is going through. A shocking assassination took place in Marseilles -- on October Ninth, Nineteen Thirty Four. King Alexander of Yugoslavia had arrived - on a state visit to France. The King and the French Foreign Minister were driving through the streets of the city - when they were cut down by bullets. Both, murdered by - a Yugoslav desperado.

Yes, there will be much sympathy for Dallas - when "John F. Kennedy Avenue" is dedicated in Marseilles.