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A Profile Of Dallas—The 'Big D'

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The last time I saw Dallas—it was a hot, sunshine-bright day in November of 1962.

I was returning to the Detroit area after spending several months in "Big D," as Texans proudly call their beloved city.

Today, it is racked with crime and confusion, the aftermath of President John F. Kennedy's assassination. Only a year ago, however, Dallas was basking in the late-autumn sun of contentment.

Dallas is a newly-developed city, basing its foundations on friendly, structural newness and a pleasant climate, although it reaches 106 degrees throughout the summer.

The culture of Dallas is an interesting of traditions from the west, east, north and south of America; Aircraft factories, such as Ling-Temco-Vought, Bell Helicopters and General Dynamics are bringing engineers and technicians from all over the country to work on their newly-won contracts.

TEXANS LOVED to build—and the bigger, the better. Country clubs had sprung up all over the area, enhanced by swimming pools, golf links, tennis courts and dance floors.

Some of the big attractions in downtown Dallas was the ultra-modern hotel built by Conrad Hilton. People also came from miles around to see the famed Neiman-Marcus department store, easily recognizable with its wrought brass trim.

Dallas policemen, smartly dressed in blue suits and shaded from the hot sun by sparkling white caps, are headquartered in a large white, tiled building, only faintly resembling a police station. Inside, offices are new and modernly equipped.

The now-infamous School Book Depository would rarely be noticed in this city of spanking-new buildings. It is old, crumbling, needing paint, and intentionally situated slightly off the main street, as if to shy away from the beauty of the new.

DALLAS RETAINS the history of the Old West in tradition, but the city is gilded in modernization. Businessmen still wear the 10-gallon hat, string ties and cowboy boots with a suit. There are many western-styled restaurants.

But the city is polished; and buildings are growing tall, reminding of Chicago. It is a sharp contrast to Fort Worth, only 25 miles away, where the city is justly billed as "Where the West Really Begins."

Most of the Dallas residents I met were courteous, ending each encounter with a softly-drawn "you-all come on back" in such a manner that you believe what they say.

TO MOST residents, cranks were something unseen, they only mark via the "Letters to the Editor" column in the Dallas Morning News. This was the time of the Cuban crisis, and every morning I turned to find editorial page of the News to find denunciations of Kennedy's policies and quite violent "suggestions" encouraging war with Cuba.

This was also the time of the Mississippi crisis, and James Meredith was a household word in Dallas. Public opinion, however, was not for integration, and Maj. Gen. Edwin Walker was usually cheered as a hero.

The radical fringe did raise a voice in Dallas in 1962, a weak voice compared to the rest of its citizenry. This radical thinking nevertheless gained momentum within a year.

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City Hall

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When the report came that President John Fitzgerald Kennedy had died in an emergency room at Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas, one woman summed up the feelings of all when she cried out: "Oh, God, isn't that horrible!"

An elderly man limped slowly down the first-floor corridor. He shook his head and mumbled, unbelievably: "In this day and age it doesn't seem possible that such a thing could happen."

EVERYWHERE I looked, phones were in use as employees called friends and loved ones to tell them of the tragic news.

One woman stood before a window looking out into the dull, gray November afternoon.

The tears streamed down her face.

Another said she was "shocked and heartbroken to see a President go that way."

Police Chief Ralph Moxley commented on the assassination: "I think this is the most tragic thing that could have possibly happened to this country. It's almost impossible to believe that it's happened."

Churchmen Postpone 'Freedom Festival'

The Birmingham Council of Churches "Freedom Festival" in support of civil rights scheduled for Dec. 14 has been canceled indefinitely.

In a statement issued to The Eccentric Wednesday, the Rev. Arthur Lowry, assistant pastor of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, said: "In deference to the official period of mourning decreed by President Johnson and Governor Romney on the occasion of the death of the late and beloved President Kennedy, the Birmingham Council of Churches has postponed its Freedom Festival originally scheduled for Dec. 14.

"Further information will be made public when a new date has been decided upon by the council."

FR. LOWRY ALSO said a scheduled press conference on the festival for Tuesday had been canceled.

The council voted several weeks ago to sponsor and take part in a program and procession in behalf of civil rights.

The program was to have included speeches by former Gov. John B. Swainson, Michigan Civil Rights



THE EARL R. RUBY HOME AT 2925 WOODLAND, SOUTHFIELD

Ruby

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MRS. RUBY said she had seen her brother-in-law only three times, but was impressed with him because he was a "happy man, al-

ways with a smile on his face." She said "most women liked him."

Earl said he learned from a sister, Mrs. Eve Grant, of Dallas that after President Kennedy was shot Friday, Jack closed his Dallas night club "and went to the synagogue to pray."

Earl Ruby said his family was "very religious."

LT. ROBERT Schuele said: "It's a real, sad situation. Anyone that would pull a stunt like that, in my opinion, must be nuts."

Back on the streets again, people seemed reluctant to leave their cars. They huddled near the radios, awaiting further details of the crime that had shocked the world.

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Churches

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FRANKLIN Baptist Church held a remembrance service Sunday night and Cross of Christ Lutheran scheduled a memorial service Sunday morning. All churches remained open for the four days of mourning.

The Congregation Shaary Zedek in Southfield estimated 2,000 people attended a Monday night memorial service with Rabbi Morris Adler and Rabbi Irwin Gomer officiating.

Holy Name Church in Birmingham held a requiem high mass Monday evening. Our Lady Queen of Martyrs also celebrated a requiem high mass Sunday morning.

Many worshippers devoted a few minutes Friday night to prayer. Churches reported an unusually

high number of people coming and going throughout the night.

THE SOUTHEASTERN Michigan Association of Congregational Churches included a memorial tribute to the late President in their planned program.

Throughout the four days, the nation's people turned out, each in his own way, to worship in loving memory, the late President so that his death might not be in vain.

The first really important artificial language was introduced in 1880 by a German priest named Johann Martin Schleyer. The language was called Volapuk. It is a word root were taken from existing European languages, including English, but most were changed radically. The word lot, for instance, meaning love, had more than 500,000 different forms.

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