

Not long after the shooting of John F. Kennedy, Dallas policeman J.D. Tippit saw a man behaving strangely, and stopped to speak to him. As Tippit got out of his car, the man pulled out a gun and shot the policeman in the head and stomach. Then he ran away.



At 2.50 p.m., twenty-four-year-old **Lee Harvey Oswald** was **arrested in a cinema for the murder of policeman Tippit**. Detectives took him to the police station to be questioned. **Oswald said that he had not killed anyone. But a gun, which had been found in the schoolbook building, belonged to him.** So he must have been the murderer of the president. Two days later, **police decided to move Oswald to a more secure prison.** He was handcuffed to two detectives when he came out of the building. Nobody could have guessed what would happen next.

**Suddenly, a man pushed his way to the front of the crowd of newspaper, radio and television reporters. There was a gun in his hand, and seconds later he shot Oswald in the side.** “He’s been shot! Lee Oswald has been shot!” a TV newsman told the millions of people who were watching on television.

**The man with the gun was Jack Ruby, a night-club owner and a friend of local criminals.** Later he would say that he shot Oswald because he wanted to save Jacqueline Kennedy from the problems and worry of a long and painful trial. After his own trial, **he was sent to prison for life, and died there in 1967.**

Oswald died only a few hours after Jack Ruby shot him.

On 25<sup>th</sup> November, John F. Kennedy was buried in Arlington National Cemetery in Washington.

**At the beginning, almost all Americans accepted that Lee Harvey Oswald was the murderer. But then questions were asked about the way things happened on that terrible day.** The most important was: **How many shots were there?** At first the police thought that three shots came from where Oswald’s gun was found. But how could Oswald shoot three times in less than the five-and-a-half seconds? It takes more than two seconds to put a bullet into that kind of gun. Then **more than fifty witnesses said that they heard a fourth shot** coming from a small hill at the side of Elm Street, *in front of the president’s car.*



**Five years after his brother’s assassination, Robert Kennedy was shot dead in Los Angeles.** He, too, was hoping to become President of the USA, but a twenty-four-year-old Palestinian living in America managed to get into a meeting hall and shot Robert Kennedy five times before anyone could stop him.

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strange .....  
stomach .....  
handcuffs .....  
to guess .....  
owner .....  
local .....

to worry .....  
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trial .....  
to bury .....  
cemetery .....  
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