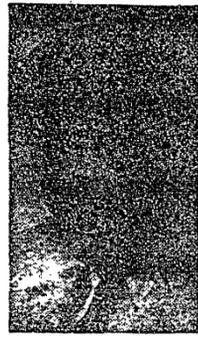


## Dr. Brushwood to Join K.U.



Dr. John S. Brushwood, 1108 West Stewart Ed., University Spanish professor, has been named Roy A. Roberts professor of Latin American literature in the department of Spanish and Portuguese at the University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kan. He will assume this new duties in September, 1967.

Brushwood, author of several books and papers on the Mexican novel, has been called the nation's leading expert on Mexican literature. His books include "The Romantic Novel in Mexico", a study of Mexican prose fiction published in 1955, and "Mexico in Its Novel: A Nation's Search for Identity" published in October. Brushwood has been with the University since 1946.

The Roberts professorships were founded in 1953 by Roy A. Roberts, long-time editor and president of the Kansas City Star. They are part of a system of 15 endowed professorships which add to the regular salary of a full professor the income from an endowment of \$100,000 each.

DR. BRUSHWOOD

## 'Deeply Personal' Bits May Go Conciliation Sought On Kennedy Book

By GEORGE ESPER  
NEW YORK (AP) — Spokesmen for two publishers involved in the dispute with the Kennedy family over publication of the book, "The Death of a President," disclosed today that efforts are being made to settle the matter out of court.

The disclosure followed a statement by William Man-



Denies breach of faith

chester, author of the book, denying that he had broken faith with Mrs. John F. Kennedy or that he had taken advantage of her confidence in him.

The book is about the assassination of President Kennedy.

"There are continuing efforts to patch things up," said a spokesman for Harper & Row, Publishers Inc., which plans to bring out the 300,000-word hard-cover book in April.

"Every effort will be made to work things out," the spokesman said. "There are always the author's rights and her rights."

Asked if the aim might be to reach some understanding on the separation of deeply personal matter, which Mrs. Kennedy seeks to keep out of the book, from what is considered history, the spokesman replied: "I think that is pretty accurate."

A spokesman for Look magazine, which plans a four-part, 80,000 word serialization of the book starting with the Jan. 10 issue, said:

"Discussions between the lawyers representing the two sides in the dispute are continuing.

Mrs. Kennedy's attorney in the suit, Simon H. Rifkind, said again today "no one has talked to me about settlement. . . I know nothing about any efforts at settlement."

Asked whether he thought

Harper & Row and Look might be trying to iron out the dispute, he said, "That's possible but I don't know about it."

Earlier, a Look spokesman said there had been "communication" between the opposing camps Sunday but that he did not believe Rifkind had talked to Look.

The New York Times reported that in Washington, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., brother of the late president, charged that Manchester "now intends to go ahead in violation of the word of his agreement, the spirit of his arrangements and despite the pain he knows it will give Mrs. Kennedy."

In his statement, issued through Look magazine Sunday, Manchester said:

"It has been said that my work is being published prematurely and that magazine serialization was not contemplated by the Kennedy family. This is not so. In the summer of 1965, authorization was given by the family for publication of the book in early 1967, to be preceded by serialization in Look magazine.

"I have broken faith with Mrs. Kennedy; that I took advantage of her confidence in me and that I recorded too faithfully her words and emotions. I do not believe this to be so.

"Mrs. Kennedy gave me 10 hours of interviews; I did not, indeed could not, have conducted these interviews without her voluntary cooperation. Mrs. Kennedy herself did not ask to see the manuscript and still hasn't. If she had, I would, of course, have given it to her.

"John Kennedy was my president. To suggest that I would dishonor his memory or my association with him is both cruel and unjust. His standards of excellence have guided me throughout this work.

"I believe John Kennedy, who was himself an historian, would have wanted his countrymen to know the truth of these terrible days, and I have dedicated myself for nearly three years to writing and reconstructing

them so that the truth could be faithfully and accurately recorded."

A hearing on Mrs. Kennedy's suit to block publication is set for Dec. 27. The defendants — Manchester; Harper & Row; and Cowles Communications, Inc., publishers of Look — are scheduled to file written briefs Thursday in reply to the suit.

In her suit, Mrs. Kennedy charged breach of contract, invasion of privacy and infringement of her copyright by unauthorized use of her name in advertising.

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## JFK Guard Reported As Inept

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Times said today William Manchester's book on President John F. Kennedy's assassination cites many instances of alleged neglect or incompetence by the FBI, Secret Service and Dallas police.

The Times quotes an unnamed publishing source who has read the manuscript as saying the book, "The Death of a President," cites the names of federal agents and local police and "has the quotes to back it up."

The source is quoted by the Times as saying that the book "shows that the FBI men were too busy looking for places in the parade" to provide proper protection to the president on Nov. 22, 1963.

The Times says the book is also reported to describe in detail the friction between the Kennedy family and President Johnson in the days following the assassination.

One dispute centered around the use of office space in the White House, the source is quoted as saying, and another over the date of President Johnson's address to a joint session of Congress.

# U.S. Asks U.N. Effort For Cease-Fire Talks

## M.U. Sets Policies On Labor

The University Board of Curators at a meeting yesterday in St. Louis approved grievance procedures and set the seniority policy for non-academic employees on its four campuses, the University president, John C. Weaver, said.

The approval was today termed a "very workable agreement" by James Norwood, international union representative of Public Service Employees Local 45. Norwood was reached in St. Louis.

The board established also a procedure by which union dues may be withheld from the wages of employees who are represented by the Laborers International union local 45 and who authorize such deductions in writing.

THE BOARD ACTIONS, which apply to nonacademic employees on campuses here, Kansas City, St. Louis and Rolla, represent a formalization, and, in some cases, an expansion of existing University policy, Dr. Weaver said.

"The agreement," Norwood said, "was nothing that was not expected, being merely a formality."

Representatives of Public Service Employees Local 45 and a University committee agreed Dec. 7 on a resolution concerning grievance procedures, dues check-off and seniority. The board of curators approval of this resolution had been expected, Norwood said.

The curators, in a resolution, noted that the University recognizes the right of employees to express their grievances and to seek a solution concerning disagreements arising from working relationships, working conditions, employment practices or differences of interpretation of policy.

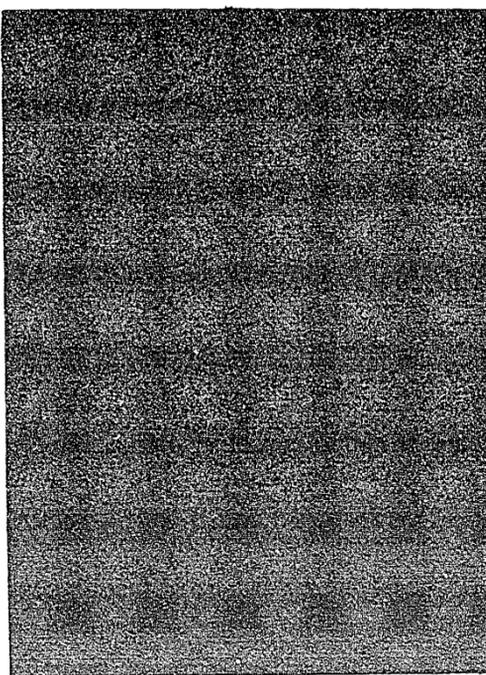
IN GENERAL the grievance procedures provide that grievances will be considered first at the supervisory level. If a satisfactory solution cannot be reached, the next stage would be the University grievance representative; then a specially appointed 3-man grievance committee, composed of an employees' representative, a University representative and a third party agreed upon by both, and finally the Board of Curators.

The curators' decision will be

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## Continued Mild

Clear to partly cloudy and continued mild through tomorrow. Low tonight in upper 30s; high tomorrow near 60. Probability of precipitation zero.



## Seventh Honor Medal Awarded

In a numbing wind outside the Pentagon 1st Lt. Walter J. Marm Jr. today received the Medal of Honor for action in Vietnam. Secretary of the Army Stanley R. Resor draped the medal around the neck of the 25-year-old Pennsylvania native. Marm is the seventh U. S. serviceman to receive the award for action in Vietnam. He received it for courage during the battle of Ia Drang in November, 1965. (Unifax)

## Four Known Dead

# Inferno Follows Truck Jack-Knife

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (AP) — Flaming gasoline pouring down a storm sewer after a massive four-death traffic accident today sent residents fleeing from their homes in a five-mile strip across northern Indianapolis. Eight schools were evacuated.

Civil Defense authorities sounded the "all clear" shortly after noon but warned all returning householders to flush toilets to wash away any remaining fumes.

Indiana State Fairgrounds buildings were being opened as an evacuation center.

The semitrailer truck jack-knifed and two autos crashed into the truck which instantly exploded in a gush of flame, Ralph Smith, 19, an eyewitness said.

The billowing fire engulfed the truck and five autos. Traffic was backed up for miles.

Children from a nearby school swarmed around the blazing wreck, worrying police almost as much as the danger of exploding fuel tanks on the passenger cars.

Danger in the area persisted after firemen brought the fire under control. Thousands of gallons of blazing fuel had poured into a storm sewer. Smoke came from manhole covers almost a mile away.

Three of the dead apparently were a man, a woman and a young child in a station wagon.

One of the survivors was the tanker driver but he was reported near death at Marion County General Hospital with severe burns.

## Mr. Rippeto Resigns Post

The Rev. J. Fred Rippeto resigned today as pastor of the Bethany Baptist Church, 1703 W. Worley St. effective Feb. 1. Mr. Rippeto has been the first pastor since April 1, 1955.

He has enrolled at Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, to finish A. B. requirements and his family will be with him.

Afterward, he will go to Southwestern Seminary in Ft. Worth.

## Pledges Full Co-operation To U Thant

By MAX HARRELSON  
UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (AP) — The United States today asked U. N. Secretary-General U Thant to take whatever steps are necessary in trying to arrange talks on a Vietnam ceasefire.

A spokesman for the secretary-general said Thant already had been seeking a ceasefire but that he would study the U. S. request closely. The request was handed to the secretary-general by U. S. Ambassador Arthur J. Goldberg during a 20-minute private meeting. Goldberg pledged full U. S. co-operation in any ceasefire efforts.

The U. S. request was contained in a letter which stressed the desire of President Johnson for an end of the Vietnam conflict, and the U. S. hope that the secretary-general might be able to take a useful initiative.

Goldberg said a cease-fire could be the first order of business at a peace conference "or could be the subject of preliminary discussions."

"I herewith reaffirm our commitment to that proposal," Goldberg declared noting that both Pope Paul VI and Thant had appealed for a cessation of the hostilities.

"Our objective remains the end of all the fighting, of all the hostilities and of all violence in Vietnam—and an honorable and lasting settlement here, for which, as we have repeatedly said, the Geneva agreements of 1954 and 1962 would be a satisfactory basis."

He concluded as follows:

"We turn to you, therefore, with the hope and the request that you will take whatever steps you consider necessary to bring about the necessary discussions which could lead to such a cease-fire."

"I can assure you that the government of the United States will cooperate fully with you in getting such discussions started promptly and in bringing them to a successful completion."

A U. N. spokesman said Thant "will have this document under close study." In response to a question as to whether the secretary-general was not already seeking a cease-fire, the spokesman replied: "Yes. He has been trying to get a basis of his three-point proposal."

This included an immediate cessation of the bombing of North Vietnam, a gradual deescalation of military actions by both sides and participation of all parties, including the Viet Cong, in peace negotiations.

## Moberly Landmark Destroyed by Fire

MOBERLY (AP)—A Moberly landmark, a night club shaped like a boat, was destroyed by fire early today. There were no injuries and cause of the fire was not determined.

The building was the second night club at the spot. The first, a two-story structure in the form of a boat, was built in the early 1930s and was called the Sho-Boat. It burned in 1939 and was rebuilt as a one-story structure also in the shape of a boat.

When the building was purchased by its present owner, Albert Harrison of Moberly, in 1952 the name was changed to Dreamboat. Harrison leased it recently for Saturday night dances to Milton E. Hopper of Columbia who renamed it the Inferno.

There was no estimate of loss.

## Happy Birthday Tomorrow

Ronald D. Baker, Miss Mary Boothe, William F. Cooney, Dino Coleman, Mrs. Ed. Glover, Donald Pears, Miss Ann Fowell, Raymond Beuret, Larry Bettmann, Ray Dean Spencer, Marshall Townes, Lawrence Blodsoe

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# In Slaying of Lee Harvey Oswald No Conspiracy, Jack Ruby Insists

EDITOR'S NOTE — Gravely ill of cancer, Jack Ruby lies in a guarded room in Parkland Hospital, where both President John F. Kennedy and Lee Harvey Oswald died before him. Herewith is an exclusive picture of Ruby's thoughts in his last days, in what may be his last statement for history.

By BERNARD GAVZER  
DALLAS, Tex. (AP) — Jack Ruby in his dying days still insists there was no conspiracy involved in his killing of Lee Harvey Oswald, named by the Warren Commission as the assassin of President John F. Kennedy.

Ruby, fully aware he is dying of cancer, wants to take any possible step to prove his innocence.

Last wish—to assure the public



Jack Ruby

ry there was no conspiracy. "Jack has told me a dozen times or more he prays to be given a final lie detector test so people will be convinced that there was no plan on his part, or conspiracy of any kind, to kill Oswald," said Ruby's brother, Earl, a Detroit businessman. "It is his last wish."

Earl Ruby and Elmer Gertz, Chicago lawyer and member of the legal team which on Oct. 5 won a reversal from the death sentence for Ruby, described Ruby's plea to do anything to erase any doubt that he acted alone in shooting Oswald.

They had seen Ruby an hour earlier in Parkland Memorial Hospital where Ruby, under guard, is undergoing treatment. This is the same hospital where the mortally wounded president and Oswald were taken.

Gertz and Earl Ruby were asked whether Jack Ruby was given any regrets about killing Oswald and thus making impossible a trial, perpetuating for all time the feeling that the full story of the assassination will never be known.

"He has regrets, but they are not so much about Oswald," said Gertz. "These are regrets about the havoc caused to his people."

Ruby, a Jew, is known to feel that his action reflected poorly upon the Jewish people.

"Jack reads the newspapers and magazines and watches television and is aware of the controversy about the Warren re-

port and all the books and articles which are constructing incredible stories of a conspiracy in which he is claimed to have had a part," said Gertz.

"He says, 'How can they think I am hiding anything or protecting anyone else? There is nothing to hide; there was no one else.'"

As he lies gravely ill, he still

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## Condition Remains Serious

DALLAS (AP)—Jack Ruby, the cancer-stricken killer of Lee Harvey Oswald, remained in serious condition today. Officials of Parkland Hospital said Ruby suffered some discomfort Sunday when tubes were moved in his chest to drain off more fluid. Ruby was hospitalized Dec. 9 and what was first thought to be pneumonia was diagnosed as cancer.

## Holdup Goes Awry

MONTREAL (AP)—Police said two men lost their lives today after holding up a branch of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce at a shopping center in Montreal's East End. They said one of them apparently fatally shot his companion with a 12-gauge shotgun as they were fleeing in a car after he himself was injured.

After holding up the bank and fleeing with an undisclosed amount of money, one of the men slipped and fell, injuring his leg, police said. Then they both headed for the escape car nearby. One got into the car and drove forward, striking his limping companion with the vehicle. He then stopped and helped his injured partner into the car.

As they drove away, police said, the injured man apparently picked up the gun and shot the driver in the chest. Police found the car at the rear of a service station, with both men dead in their seats.