SECRET SERVICE ALERT

Repeat of Demonstration For JFK Visit Not Likely

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WASHINGTON — Any Dallas elements planning to give President Kennedy a reception similar to that accorded Adlai Stevenson may be in for a rude awakening — the Secret Service is highly efficient.

The hosting of the United Nations ambassador outside Dallas’ Memorial Auditorium Thursday night made the front pages of newspapers across the nation complete with pictures. And it didn’t go unnoticed by the White House Secret Service chief.

Chief James J. Rowley’s crew have the task of protecting the President under any and all circumstances. They have a well earned reputation of doing their job well.

According to press plans, President Kennedy will visit Dallas Nov. 22. Well beforehand, Rowley’s lean, clean-cut young agents will be on hand for an inspection. Every inch of the President’s route from the time his plane arrives at Love Field to the time it leaves will be thoroughly explored.

ALL ACTIONS PLANNED

Where and how he will enter and leave the hall in which he is to speak will be explored with equal thoroughness.

This is accomplished by an advance crew, which also makes sure that agents in Dallas will contain a full report on who might be demonstrating, where and when.

By the time the President arrives in Dallas, an advance guard of agents will be on the ground and in place. Others will arrive with him. Each will have been thoroughly briefed.

They will not only know the President’s movements in detail. They will also know who is supposed to greet him — and who isn’t supposed to but is likely to try.

Anyone who has read a Secret Service dossier on a city scheduled to be visited by the President can only be amazed by its completeness. Nothing is left to chance. Identities are stark.

Stevenson, in a scene reminiscent of the reception afforded Vice President and Mrs. Lyndon Johnson in 1960, was jostled, struck on the head with a placard and spat upon.

President Kennedy is not likely to suffer such indignities, regardless of the zeal of demonstrating opponents. Critical placards will not be disturbed — as long as they are at a distance. Heckling will not be encouraged, provided it is verbal.

QUESTIONS LATER

But over-enthusiastic opponents would be in for an old-fashioned album’s rush — quietly, quickly, efficiently and with utmost sincerity. The action comes first and questions later.

Paradoxically, over-enthusiastic presidential supporters run the same risk. In September, a 15-year-old college girl in Ashland, Wis., who only wanted to shake the President’s hand, made the mistake of trying to get too close too rapidly. She was removed without incident, but firmly.

President Kennedy has a penchant for wading into crowds to shake hands, a practice Secret Service men frown upon. They move in, too, poised to act if necessary.

They are sharp-eyed, alert and cat-like in their quickness. They know what they are watching out for and, usually, whom. They call the shots for local police, including how many are to be stationed where.

By the time the President arrives in Dallas, the men assigned to that segment of his tour will be very knowledgeable about his zealous critics and Secret Service men are without politics. It matters not whether a Democrat or a Republican occupies the White House. What does matter is the individual is President of the United States and that their job is to protect him.

There are many who could leave the “unTexas conduct” accorded Ambassador Stevenson not likely to be repeated soon.

Yarborough Says JFK Visit Sticks

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AUSTIN — A “tirade of abuse against the Democratic party” in Dallas, typified by the week’s attack on Adlai Stevenson, will not alter any plans President Kennedy has to visit the city.

U.S. Sen. Ralph Yarbrough said Saturday, “The President is not a timid man,” he remarked.

The senator said he does not know what the President’s itinerary for his November trip to Texas will be but he hinted it will include a Democratic party fund-raising dinner in Dallas.

Presidential aids added an appreciation and fund-raising dinner for Sen. Yarbrough in Austin last week.

“They were tremendously impressed by the great and friendly turnout and gave a reply to the President on Monday morning. I would be surprised if the President did not have a Democratic fund-raising dinner in Dallas,” he declared.

Sen. Yarbrough said he believes the “un-Texas conduct” accorded Ambassador Stevenson is not likely to be repeated soon.