

Incident-Free Day Urged for JFK Visit

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Dallas leaders urged Saturday against any demonstrations or incidents during President Kennedy's visit here Friday.

President and Mrs. Kennedy and Vice-President and Mrs. Lyndon Johnson will ride in a motorcade through Downtown Dallas prior to a luncheon for 2,500 in the Trade Mart.

Robert B. Cullum, president of the Dallas Chamber of Commerce, said, "The President of the U.S. represents the highest and proudest office in the world. And he will be welcome. Our reputation as the first city of Texas and the friendliest town in America has been earned and won by Dallas people through the years.

"THESE GOOD citizens will greet the President of the United States with the warmth and pride that keep the Dallas spirit famous the world over."

J. Erik Jonsson of the Dallas Citizens Council said:

"I think that we must extend every courtesy to our distinguished visitors regardless of individual political differences. Representatives of both political parties will be invited to the luncheon here.

"Let's show them what true Texas hospitality is. Whether we agree with our guests' political party or performance, let us have no incidents that will reflect on Dallas or Texas."

County Republican Chairman John Leedom said, "I think the City of Dallas should extend its

normal, warm hospitality to the President of the United States on his visit here."

COUNTY JUDGE W. L. Sterrett said, "I am hoping we won't have any kind of demonstration here. I have confidence that there won't be anything of that sort. That kind of thing can give a city and county a black eye."

Sheriff Bill Decker said, "I believe that Dallas, the great city that it is, can welcome the President and his lady in a cordial way, putting aside any differences of political opinion that might exist."

Baxton Bryant, a Democrat who is protesting arrangements for the President's visit, said any demonstration by his group would be entirely pro-Kennedy.

BRYANT ASSERTED that rank-and-file Kennedy workers are being snubbed on the guest list for the luncheon. The luncheon will be sponsored by the Dallas Citizens Council, the Science Research Center and the Dallas Assembly.

A "caucus" of all Democrats has been called by Bryant for 8 p.m.

Monday in Judge Dallas Blankenship's courtroom on the fifth floor of the County Records Building.

"The meeting will be pro-Kennedy but anti-arrangements committee," said Bryant. Bryant said many Kennedy campaign workers are disgusted about not being allowed to meet the President.

Bryant blamed Gov. John Connally, State Democratic Executive Committee Chairman Eugene Locke and Governor Connally's Dallas County campaign manager, Cliff Cassidy, for failing to give campaign workers an opportunity to meet Kennedy.

Carlson Calls For Civilized Reception

Maurice Carlson, former county Republican chief, called Monday for a "civilized, nonpartisan" welcome this week for President John F. Kennedy.

Addressing the Oak Cliff Lions Club in the El Chico Restaurant, Davis and Zang, Carlson said Kennedy is "doing the most difficult job in the world — and all of us, Democrats and Republicans alike, should extend him our good will."

Carlson also spoke against allowing either political party to invade City Hall, although he described the rivalry between the veteran Citizens Charter Association and his own Dallas Charter League as "healthy for Dallas."

He charged that "in many respects Dallas County has isolated itself from the main stream of life in the world in this decade."

In his diagnosis of what ails Dallas today, Carlson said any move for broader leadership for future Dallas inevitably will include the same type of financial, business and economic leaders as now in the forefront.

"But the leadership team should be broadened to include professional men — attorneys, doctors, architects, spiritual leaders who can include their voices in the development of the city," he said.

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