

# Many Half-Truths Laid to Rest By Warren Report

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WASHINGTON—The wild speculation and half-truths surrounding the President's assassination may be a major reason that the Warren Commission took 10 long months to complete its report.

Hundreds of investigative hours were spent checking and disproving such rumors as: Ruby was a member of the crime syndicate; Oswald practiced shooting at Dallas rifle ranges; and shots were fired at President Kennedy from the Triple Underpass.

Much speculation was started by sincere citizens who thought

they had seen Oswald or Ruby under suspicious circumstances.

But other rumors were begun by persons with an unhealthy craving to intrude themselves into a news happening of worldwide interest.

For instance, commission investigators spent time and money checking a Dallas woman's tip that she had seen Oswald drive to a store with a gunsmith sign in the window.

This information was significant as Oswald supposedly could not drive and had never talked "guns" with anyone.

After much checking, however, the investigators were told by a friend of the woman informant: "She has a strange obsession for attempting to inject herself into a big event. She is likely to claim some personal knowledge of any major crime which gets much publicity."

## SPECULATION IN EUROPE

Unquestionably, the heaviest speculation has been printed in Europe, where sensationalists have alleged a giant right-wing-oil industry conspiracy to kill Kennedy.

The Warren Commission has not bothered to answer such far-reaching allegations except in their overall conclusion that both Oswald and Ruby acted alone.

The commission, however, did specifically deny a long list of rumors—many of which were printed in magazines and newspapers. The commission found:

● There is no reason to believe Oswald killed a Marine while stationed in Tokyo.

● Oswald knew the motorcade route before the morning of Nov. 22 because it had been printed in both Dallas papers on Nov. 19.

● Oswald did not look at Ruby with any special recognition just prior to the fatal shooting.

● The FBI did not regard Oswald as a potential killer prior to the assassination.

● The FBI did not show Oswald's mother a picture of Jack Ruby on the night before her son was killed.

● The Dallas police did not cooperate with Ruby at anytime from Friday to Sunday.