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Mr. Mohr	_____
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Mr. Gale	_____
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*Assassination of
John F. Kennedy*

On-the-Scene Judgment

WHEN GOV. John Connally took off the kid gloves and called critics of the Warren Commission "journalistic scavengers," he was giving vent to some rather strong feelings he has about the assassination of President Kennedy three years ago.



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The governor has every right to harbor those strong emotions. He was there, within feet of the victim. He, too, was struck with a bullet and came within a few centimeters of losing his own life.

Mrs. Connally was there, too. Both she and the governor say that all of the shots fired at the open limousine came from over their right shoulders. That would be from the direction of the Texas School Book Depository Building, where the Warren Commission says Lee Harvey Oswald committed murder with a high-powered rifle.

On this point—that the shots came from the right and behind the presidential party—the Connallys agree with the findings of the commission. They disagree, however, on how the governor was wounded.

THE GOVERNOR told the commission, in his testimony, that he was not wounded by the first shot. He was struck, he said, by a second bullet, and that a third bullet "struck the president and not me."

The commission, after hearing his testimony, chose to disagree, surmising that the governor was wounded by a bullet that had first passed through President Kennedy's body.

After acknowledging the difference of opinion, the governor declared, "I want to make very clear, however, that simply because I disagree with the Warren Commission on this one detail does not mean that I disagree with the substance of their over-all findings."

Sober reflection should discourage the building of a mountain out of the molehill disagreement between the governor and the commission. Show 10 witnesses a man or a sequence of events, have them try to describe either in detail, and chances are good that 10 different descriptions will result.

THE WARREN Commission's investigation was extraordinary. It was probably the most comprehensive and authoritative in history. And yet, as Gov. Connally notes, "journalistic scavengers . . . attempt to impugn the motives of (the) members individually, cast doubts upon the commission as a whole and question the credibility of the government itself."

He sees no reason to reopen the investigation. He is satisfied with the findings of the commission. And getting down to a comparison of credentials, who is best qualified to pass judgment—one who was intimately involved? Or those who exercise, in the governor's words, "distortion, inference and innuendo" in a rush to publication?

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