

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

# 'Not Sure' on Oswald, Author Curry Indicates

By TOM JOHNSON

Former Dallas Police Chief Jesse Curry said Wednesday he is "not sure" to this day whether Lee Harvey Oswald was the assassin of President John F. Kennedy.

"I'm not going to express my opinion," Curry said at a press conference. "I'm not sure about it. No one has ever been able to put him (Oswald) in the Texas School Book Depository with a rifle in his hand."

Curry, now chief of security for the Texas Bank, was police chief on Nov. 22, 1963, when Kennedy was slain and then-Gov. John Connally seriously wounded by gunfire as the presidential motorcade approached the Triple Underpass on Elm Street.

HE SUMMONED the press conference to announce the release of a book he put together which is said to contain his "personal file" of the assassination:

The book contains a wealth of photographs related to the tragedy but puts forth little new of significance as far as physical evidence is concerned.

Curry's feelings during the period from when the President was shot till the time when Jack Ruby in turn shot Oswald two days later is perhaps the most revealing facet of the work.

Curry complains, for example, that federal and state law enforcement officers insisted on being present at Oswald's interrogation sessions after his apprehension.

"Any experienced investigator will admit that the proper way to interrogate a

prisoner is to be alone with the prisoner without distraction," Curry writes. "Because of the constant pressure from other investigative agencies, (Dallas police homicide Capt. Will) Fritz was never allowed to carry out an orderly private interview with Lee Harvey Oswald.

"THE DALLAS homicide bureau was caught in a politically motivated crossfire from the press and other law enforcement agencies . . . The interrogation was a 3-ring circus," Curry said.

Oswald indignantly denied any knowledge of the assassination or of the subsequent slaying of police officer J. D. Tippit, the former chief added.

"Oswald played the role of the indignant and belligerent prisoner who had no knowledge of anything. He had an arrogance that made it impossible to communicate even simple questions," Curry said.

"I have always wondered whether or not Capt. Fritz could have obtained crucial information from Oswald if he had been allowed to spend two or three hours alone with him under normal interrogative conditions."

CURRY TOLD REPORTERS he is not trying to present a new theory about the assassination nor is he attempting to support or validate the findings of the Warren Commission, which concluded that Oswald was the lone killer of both Kennedy and Tippit.

"I'm trying to present the reader with

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

"The Dallas Morning News" Dallas, Texas

Date: 11-6-69  
Edition:  
Author: Jack B. Kruger  
Editor:  
Title:

Character:  
or  
Classification:  
Submitting Office: Dallas

Being Investigated

62-107060-117

ENCLOSURE

P1 only