

LAWYER DISPUTES WARREN FINDINGS

Article Says At Least Two
Persons Fired at Kennedy

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Alleged weaknesses in the Warren Commission Report are cited in a magazine article to dispute the commission's contention that Lee Harvey Oswald was the only person who fired the shots that killed President John F. Kennedy and wounded Gov. John B. Connally Jr. of Texas.

An article by Vincent J. Salandria, a Philadelphia lawyer and consultant to the American Civil Liberties Union, says at least two persons fired shots and that if they knew of each other's participation they were, contrary to the Warren Commission Report, in conspiracy.

The article is based on a study of the report and a 10-day investigation in Dallas by the lawyer. It appears in the January issue of Liberation, an antiwar monthly that one of its editors calls "non-Communist."

Mr. Salandria argues that the commission is on weak ground in asserting that during the assassination a total of three shots were fired, all of them from the Texas Book Depository Building.

He says that to support this position the commission had to insist that the first shot that hit the President also wounded Mr. Connally.

If the Warren report is accepted, Mr. Salandria writes, it would mean that the first bullet, having been fired downward from the sixth floor, would have to change course after hitting Mr. Kennedy in order to strike Mr. Connally in the back.

"One would certainly, once accepting this unusual and highly improbable course of the bullet, have to concede that it would fly harmlessly over the Governor's head, heading for the sky," Mr. Salandria writes.

"But the commission asks us to believe that this strange bullet changed direction in midair. No bullet ever has, unless spent. But this bullet was far from spent."

Mr. Salandria says that film used by the Warren Commission and testimony by Mr. Connally and his wife suggest that the Governor was not struck by the same bullet that hit President Kennedy.

"Once we conclude that a separate shot hit Governor Connally," the lawyer writes, "we are confronted with an extra bullet, which puts the commission theory of just three bullets from one gun into the limbo of historical myth."

One of the editors of the magazine, Dave Dellinger, in a prefatory article, points out that the magazine has hitherto preferred to avoid the controversy. "Quite simply," he writes, "we have not been satisfied by either the official version or the most widely circulated attacks on it." **END**