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THE KILLER OF JFK

WHY THE LINGERING DOUBT?

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● Where were you at 12:30 p.m. (CST), Friday, Nov. 22, 1963? Theoretically, if we could pose that question to everyone in the world, receive an answer, and check all alibis, we would know with certainty who killed President John F. Kennedy.

Such a survey, of course, was infeasible. The second best approach to the problem, was a commission investigation, the one headed by Chief Justice Earl Warren.

But rather than end speculation about that fateful day in Dallas three years ago, the commission's report has become only the rallying point for those who disagree with its findings.

Many doubt its nine months of investigation and writing, rewriting and polishing, 704 pages of report and 26 volumes of testimony, exhibits and other data. A plethora of book and periodical space throughout the globe has been consumed in expressing these doubts.

Men like former student Edward Jay Epstein, attorneys Mark Lane and Vincent Salandria, journalists Penn Jones Jr., Leo Sauvage, Fred Cook and Sylvan Fox, and

academician Richard Popkin have devoted their recent lives to the pursuit of what they believe to be the Warren Commission's errors and omissions.

They suggest that more than three shots were fired at the President. They suggest conspiracies,

ranging from an oligarchical plot of right-wing extremist Americans to plans by Soviet or Cuban Communists to take the Chief Executive's life.

Some believe that Jack Ruby, the man a stunned nation saw shoot Oswald may have been involved in a plot with Oswald and Dallas Police Officer J. D. Tippett, the man the commission decided was shot by Oswald during an escape.



THE COMMISSION: Seven men who sought—and published, in their opinion—the truth about the Kennedy assassination. Commission members include Chief Justice Earl Warren, Sens. Richard Russell (D.) and John Sherman Cooper (R.), Reps. Hale Boggs (D.) and Gerald R. Ford (R.), Allan W. Dulles, former CIA chief, and longtime civil servant John J. McCloy. Commission has been under heavy fire.

What do you think? Who killed President Kennedy? The Herald-Examiner invites its readers to express their opinions on the subject. To participate in the poll, fill out this coupon and send it to:

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Have you read the Warren Commission Report? What critics or other authors have you read on the subject?

Should further official investigation be made into the assassination?

What theories do you have regarding the assassination?

Results of the poll will appear in a subsequent edition of The Herald-Examiner.

Others, a minority, have suggested that the present Administration and perhaps the Central Intelligence Agency and the FBI were involved in the plot.

Plot theories now number about 20. They include speculations that two Oswalds existed, that Oswald was triggered by an Oedipus complex or a family quarrel, or that he merely had a killer instinct.

It has been postulated that the commission deliberately decided not to interview nearly 200 witnesses, and that at least 12 persons related to the assassination have since met with mysterious deaths.

Now the debate has reached another stage. With all the major detractors published and quoted frequently, all eyes are back on the Warren Commission and its staff.

Here The Herald-Examiner has picked up the debate as we enter

the fourth year after the shocking death of this nation's 35th President. The rent debate will be found on these pages.

We have pursued the material offered by the Warren Commission, along with the publications of its opponents. In interviews, we have probed the beliefs of attorney Mark Lane, who was hired by Oswald's mother to clear her son's name.

In securing the responses of the commission, we have called upon two prominent local members of the commission staff, Long Beach attorney Joseph Ball and UCLA law professor Wesley Liebeler.

All of the important cur-

Then we will give you, the citizen, who has had three years to ruminate, an opportunity to express your beliefs.

Many minds, no doubt, will be eased when authoritative individuals are given an opportunity to see the photographs taken during the autopsy of the late President. Recently, these were turned over to the National Archives by the Kennedy family.

Until such time as this information is made available, you, as we are entitled to your own theory.