

# Frictions Reported on Kennedy Funeral Plane

## Ex-Press Aide Says Old Wounds Were Reopened but Lauds Johnson's Conduct

WASHINGTON (AP) —

The press aide in charge at the Presidential change-over at Dallas three years ago confirmed Monday night that there was friction between Kennedy and Johnson factions aboard the funeral plane flying back to Washington.

"I think that there are things that happened, especially on the plane coming back, that could be embarrassing to both the Kennedys and the Johnsons," Malcolm K. Kilduff said.

He refused to describe the events he referred to.

The former assistant White House press officer added that as a direct result of intense emotional feeling at the time, "Some of the old 1960 wounds were reopened, rehased, thought about."

### Showed Concern

Kilduff said President Johnson continued to show aboard the plane, after taking over the Presidency, concern for Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy and members of the Kennedy family.

"There was no grossness on his part, as has been implied by others in the recent past," Kilduff said.

In a taped television-radio interview with Westinghouse Broadcasting Co. on the eve of the third anniversary of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, Kilduff dismissed as pure garbage the rash of speculation that questions the Warren Commission's basic conclusion that Lee Harvey Oswald alone killed Mr. Kennedy.

Kilduff, who rode in the

fourth car behind the Kennedys' in Dallas, declared: "I have absolutely no doubt... that Lee Harvey Oswald committed the act on his own and that there was no conspiracy involved as has been insinuated, in many books, and is a belief which is actually wide-spread in Europe."

### Disagrees With Finding

However, Kilduff said he does disagree with the commission's finding that the first bullet that struck Mr. Kennedy and passed through his neck was the one that wounded Texas Gov. John Connally. Mr. Kennedy was killed by a second shot which struck his head.

"In my mind," Kilduff said, "there were three shots fired. I have verified that with other people who were riding in the same car. I have verified it

with Secret Service agents."

Noting that the bullet that wounded Connally passed through the governor's shoulder, ribs, wrist and thigh, Kilduff went on:

"The Warren Commission report shows a bullet, a perfect bullet. I have talked to ballistic experts who say that it would not be possible for a bullet to travel through that much mass and come out in such a perfect condition."

Kilduff said he had talked to Connally, who agrees he was hit by a separate bullet, that the governor said he heard the first shot and was turning to look back when he was hit. Connally was sitting in the jump seat in Mr. Kennedy's car.

### Fragments in Leg

"As a matter of fact," Kilduff said, "I have on the highest authority information that parts of that bullet are still in Gov. Connally's leg. So, therefore, it would not be possible, as the Warren Commission states, that the bullet came out as clean as it did."

In Austin, Bill D. Moyers, Presidential press secretary, was asked by reporters Monday if Mr. Johnson, at the LBJ ranch, has expressed an

opinion about the proposal of Life magazine that the inquiry into the assassination be reopened.

"The President spoke about that at his press conference," Moyers said, recalling a recent statement by Mr. Johnson to the effect that the Warren Commission had done everything that could be done.

The magazine said there is reasonable doubt that the same bullet hit both Mr. Kennedy and Connally.

Life said Connally was certain that he and Mr. Kennedy were hit by two different bullets, indicating that Oswald did not act alone.

Moyers said he knows of no Presidential plans for today—the third anniversary of the assassination. Mr. Johnson is recuperating from his recent surgery at his ranch near Johnson City, Tex. **END**