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Oswald Never Criticized Kennedy, Widow Asserts in Interview Here

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The Russian-born widow of Lee Harvey Oswald said yesterday she had no idea why her husband should have wanted to kill the President of the United States.

Slender, blue-eyed Marina Oswald, 22, could say only that her husband never had "anything bad" to say about John F. Kennedy before the President was assassinated in Dallas Nov. 22.

"I am very sorry for Lee Oswald," she said in halting English. "He was my husband."

Mrs. Oswald held a brief news conference after finishing four days of testimony before a Presidential commission investigating the assassination. Her lawyer, John M. Thorne of Grand Prairie, Tex., said she wanted to thank newsmen and make it clear that she was a witness not "a defendant" at the hearing.

Language Is Barrier

Her limited knowledge of English prevented her from answering many of the questions that were fired at her.

On Monday, the commission begins questioning Mrs. Marguerite Oswald, 56, mother of the former United States Marine who once defected to Russia and was killed in a Dallas jail two days after he allegedly shot and killed the President.

Marina Oswald said she had no wish to see her mother-in-law.

"Too much bad for me," she said.

Asked why her husband should have wanted to shoot Kennedy and Texas Gov. John Connally, she replied:

"I am sorry, but I don't know why."

She said Oswald appeared normal to her when she met and married him in Minsk, Russia, where she worked as a pharmacist. But she said he seemed to change when he returned to the United States.

"I don't know why," she said again.

She said she believed that Oswald once fired a shot at



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MARINA OSWALD
... at news conference.

attitude toward Gov. Connally was "fine." Connally was seriously wounded by one of the shots fired at the presidential car in the Dallas procession. Mrs. Oswald appeared some-

what nervous. She smoked a cigarette and wiped her hands on a paper towel.

To Seek Citizenship

She said she hopes to become a U.S. citizen, study English and possibly resume her occupation as a pharmacist. For her two daughters, she wants only "a good education."

Thorne said there is hope that a private bill can be cleared through Congress to give Mrs. Oswald U.S. citizenship before the normal three-year waiting period.

Mrs. Oswald's youngest daughter, aged three months, is a U.S. citizen by birth. The older daughter, June 2, may derive citizenship from her mother if she is naturalized before June is 16.

Thorne said the Secret Service detail at Mrs. Oswald's home in Texas will be continued indefinitely or until the Presidential commission feels there is no danger of an attempt on her life.

Mrs. Oswald struggled to express her feelings about the way she was treated by the Presidential commission and its chairman, Chief Justice Earl Warren.

The Chief Justice, she said, was "just like my grandfather."

retired Maj. Gen. Edwin A. Walker because he told her he did. Asked why she had not informed police, she replied:

"Because I am a wife."

Practiced Shooting

She said her husband did some, not much, practice target shooting, but "he don't tell me why."

She said Oswald talked to her in September and October last year of going to Mexico because he was interested in going to Cuba to live. Later, she said, the idea was that he might return to Russia.

Thorne told reporters that Oswald had read to his wife favorable articles about President Kennedy and seemed to have a high regard for the President. She added that his

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