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## New Probe Is Opposed By Connally

heard the first shot, that I turned to see what happened, and that I was struck by a second shot. The third shot hit the President and not me."

"This testimony was presented to the Warren Commission," Connally said. "I want to make it very clear, however, that simply because I disagree with the Warren Commission on this one detail does not mean that I disagree with the substance of their over-all findings."

As for his earlier statement that for a fleeting moment he thought there was more than one assassin, Connally said there is no reason "a fleeting thought of my own should be given great value."

He said he heard only the first and third shots, but that Mrs. Connally heard all three clearly.

They agreed that all came from the same direction, "over our right shoulders," the direction of the Texas Book Depository, where Oswald fired rifle shots. Connally believes there was only one assassin, because all the testimony to the Commission pointed to a single man.

He praised all the members of the Commission by name, then turned to a denunciation.

"... It now is somewhat shocking to me that in the backlash of tragedy, journalistic scavengers, such as Mark Lane attempted to impugn the motives of these members individually, cast doubt upon the Commission as a whole and question the whole credibility of the Government itself."

He continued, "I suspect that a searching investigation into their own credentials will divulge that their motives have political overtone and that their views have been given prominence out of proportion to their value."

Connally said in response to questions that Life magazine, for which he viewed assassination movies to try to ascertain the timing of the shots, was not among those he characterized as "journalistic scavengers."

# Sees No Need for New Investigation

By Stuart Long

Special to The Washington Post

AUSTIN, Tex., Nov. 23 — Three years and a day after he was wounded when President John F. Kennedy was assassinated, Gov. John B. Connally of Texas struck out at those who feel a new investigation should be made.

Connally strongly and vehemently told a packed news conference that he sees no need for a new investigation. He said he differs with the Warren Commission only on a single point, but he does not think the difference is of enough importance to justify an additional look into the case. He said he agreed with the Commission's conclusion that Kennedy was killed by Lee Harvey Oswald acting alone.

The single point of difference is this: Connally thinks that of the three shots fired at the Presidential car that sunny Nov. 22 in Dallas, the first and third struck only the President, and the second struck only Connally. The Commission had concluded that Connally was not wounded by the second bullet but by the first bullet after it had initially hit the President and passed through his body.

Connally said, "I am convinced beyond any doubt that I was not struck by the first bullet." He added, "I know that I

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Gov. Connally at news conference.



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### Governor John B. Connally Jr. of Texas at news session

By MARTIN WALDRON

Special to The New York Times

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AUSTIN, Tex., Nov. 23—Gov. John B. Connally Jr. said today that the Warren Commission's findings on President Kennedy's assassination should be accepted as final unless compelling new evidence is brought forth. A new investigation is "neither warranted, justified or desirable," he said. The Governor, who was riding in a Dallas motorcade with President Kennedy, was wounded in the chest,

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Lane attempt to impugn the motives" of members of the commission. Mr. Connally would not elaborate on his suggestion of political overtones. "I am going to let it rest right there," he said.

He said he had not read any of the books that have criticized the Warren Commission's findings, including "Rush to Judgment," written by Mr. Lane, a New York lawyer.

The Governor said that he had read press reports and book reviews on the books he was talking about and that he always accepted as accurate whatever he read in newspapers. Mr. Connally decided to hold the news conference, at the State Capitol, after, he said, he had been besieged with questions about a Life magazine article this week.

In the article the Governor repeated that he disagreed with the Warren Commission's finding that he and President Kennedy were both hit by one of three shots fired down on the open limousine in front of the Texas School Book Depository.

#### Sole Disagreement

The Governor said today that his sole disagreement with the Warren Commission's findings centered on which bullet struck him.

The Governor said he was satisfied that the shot that hit him was fired by Lee Harvey Oswald, named by the Warren Commission as the assassin of President Kennedy. The Governor said he did not believe there was more than one person involved in the shooting.

"There are certain facts about this assassination which may never be known," he said. He added that he did not consider his memory or his judgment to be infallible.

He said he had not even heard the shot that wounded him in the chest, although his wife, Idanell Connally, he said, heard three shots.

#### Lane Replies

Mark Lane said here yesterday that Governor Connally "has displayed an abysmal ignorance of the implications of his own testimony."

"If the bullet that struck President Kennedy did not also strike the Governor, then there was no lone assassin," Mr. Lane said.

He charged that the Governor was "questioning the loyalty and motivation of those who will not accept a false governmental edict" while "the American people" had made Mr. Lane's book a best-seller.

#### Comment in East Europe

Special to The New York Times

LONDON, Nov. 23—East European radio stations marked the third anniversary yesterday of President Kennedy's assassination with extensive commentaries on the controversy over the findings of the Warren Commission.

The Warsaw radio asserted that two-thirds of the American people did not believe the Warren report's conclusions. It said the overwhelming majority of Americans believed that world events would have developed "differently, in a better way," had Mr. Kennedy lived.

A commentator on the Prague radio declared, "It is impossible to say that the Warren report is true." The broadcasts were monitored by Radio Free Europe and made available here.

The Czechoslovak commentator said three main conclusions must be drawn from the report: "First, it is impossible that Kennedy was killed by Oswald alone. Second, the report is a forgery. Third, the Warren Commission could not by itself forge the truth about the attempt. The commission must have been helped or forced to do so by the top members of the American state apparatus."

The Sofia radio said most Americans would prefer President Kennedy to President Johnson, and would vote for Senator Robert F. Kennedy in future Presidential elections because of "the unpopularity of the foreign political course of Johnson, and Robert Kennedy's position on the establishment of peace in Vietnam."

#### Reviewed Film

The Governor said he had had no intention of adding fuel to the flames of dissension when he agreed to review a motion picture of the assassination for Life magazine and to point out just when he was struck.

He said, "They asked me to do it and I agreed."

The Life magazine article was not one of those with "political overtones," the Governor said.

Mr. Connally, a close friend of President Johnson, said he had discussed "very casually" with Mr. Johnson some of the criticisms of the Warren Commission investigation. But he said he and the President had never "sat down" and discussed the Warren Commission report itself.

He did not reveal Mr. Johnson's feelings about the criticism.

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