

# Ex-Sen. Ralph Yarborough Wants the Case Reopened

Ralph Yarborough, the liberal former senator responsible for John F. Kennedy's fatal trip to Texas, now wants Congress to reopen the assassination probe.

He was kept silent up to this time. Yarborough, now a practicing lawyer in Austin, Tex., made his statements to a TATTLER correspondent after watching a recent network television program that showed the famous Abraham Zapruder film of the assassination. Yarborough was riding in a limousine with Lyndon Baines Johnson two cars behind the open Lincoln — called "Lancer," — in

which President Kennedy was riding when he was shot in Dealey Plaza on Nov. 22, 1963.

IT WAS THE FIRST time that Yarborough had agreed to ride in the same vehicle with fellow Texan Lyndon Johnson during the Texas Presidential tour.

In San Antonio, he got into a car with liberal Rep. Henry B. Gonzales. In Houston, he rode with Rep. Allen Thomas.

Yarborough was reportedly peeved because conservative Gov. John Connally, Yarborough's political enemy, had not invited the senator to a \$100 a plate fund-raising

dinner in Austin the night before.

President Kennedy had gone to Texas on a mission to mend fences between the conservative followers of Democrats Lyndon Johnson and John Connally and Texas liberals, who looked to Yarborough for leadership.

The Zapruder film, viewed publicly for the first time recently over network TV, shows Kennedy's head exploding and jerking backward to the left, indicating he was shot from the front and not only from the rear as determined by the Warren Commission. (Framer from that film appear on pages 60 and 60.)

A NEW INVESTIGATION should check out allegations that documents exist that accused assassin Lee Harvey Oswald was a CIA agent and that Jack Ruby received a telephone call to kill Oswald after the assassination, Yarborough said.

Forty-eight hours after the assassination, Ruby had murdered Oswald in the basement of the Dallas City Hall.

The new official probe should not be assigned to the Rockefeller Commission appointed by President Gerald Ford to investigate domestic spying by the CIA, Yarborough said.

"People will not trust an executive committee because they think it would be trying to protect the CIA," the former senator said.

Yarborough said he believes all of the documents of the Warren Commission should be revealed. Some of the documents were ordered sealed for 75 years after the assassination.

"The suspicion is so great among the public that we ought to open up the sealed documents," he said.

Yarborough said he doesn't believe enough facts have come out to prove or disprove a conspiracy

## 'We have found no evidence of a conspiracy, foreign or domestic ... ' --The Warren Commission

The official verdict has been in for more than 11 years. But many people disagree.

Here is a sampling of opinion:

"The American people have unknowingly witnessed a domestic execution program."

—Ralph Schoenman, Writer-researcher

"It is the easiest thing in the world to say Oswald did the assassinating 'while he was acting alone' now that the accused is dead and cannot defend himself. I think the leaders of the conspiracy were afraid Oswald was going to talk and tell the truth, if

he had been allowed to live ... actually everyone else involved in the assassination had a bigger hand in it than did Oswald ... I, for one, would love to be a part of the investigation team. But I imagine there are several thousand more men that feel the same way as I do ..."

—Ben Mizer, Tulsa, Okla., Owner of an Investigations Firm.

"A police state was set up here in Dallas. That is the reason Watergate and Nixon's resignation was planned. It has already been 1984 since Kennedy was killed. People here in Texas know this so they keep their

months shut because they want to stay alive."

—Name Withheld

"I always felt there might have been a possibility that Kennedy was shot from the front."

—Jesse Curry, Former Dallas Police Chief

"Oswald's act was a retaliation against the man who signed the death warrant of Fidel Castro."

—F. Lee Bailey, Famous San Francisco Trial Lawyer

"All of these one-gun, one-man, crazy-man theories on assassinations are too consistent to believe."

—Rev. Jesse L. Jackson National President Of Operation Push

"It can be proved that Lee Harvey Oswald could not have carried out the assassination of President Kennedy alone."

—Bernard C. (Bud) Fensterwald, Director of the Committee to Investigate Assassinations

"I feel there is a direct link between the assassinations of JFK, RFK and Dr. King and the attempt on Governor Wallace and I commend you and the TATTLER for making the effort to clear up the controversy."

—Don Young, Toronto, Ontario

"Americans have been told a line the last 10 years. This is coming to a peak now. It will not die down and the American people eventually will know what is going on. We know the truth is going to come out."

—Dick Gregory, Comedian-Civil Rights Leader