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Gov. Connally Opposed JFK Trip to Texas

DALLAS, Jan. 9 (UPI).— Texas Gov. John Connally did not want President John F. Kennedy to come to Texas in November, 1963, The Dallas Times Herald said yesterday.

"I reminded him," the paper quoted Connally as saying, "he had not made a political appearance in Texas since the 1960 campaign and that if he spoke at four fund-raising dinners, he would be accused of coming to Texas just to take back a lot of money."

William Manchester, in his book "The Death of a President," said Kennedy was urged by a number of persons not to make the trip. The author did not mention Connally as one of those urging that the trip not be made.

Connally, when he was unable to change the president's mind, insisted that he be given complete control of arrangements, the Times Herald said in a copyright story.

The paper said it was the governor who insisted that the Dallas luncheon be held at the Trade Mart, against White House opposition.

The president was fatally shot, and the governor seriously wounded, en route to the Trade Mart.