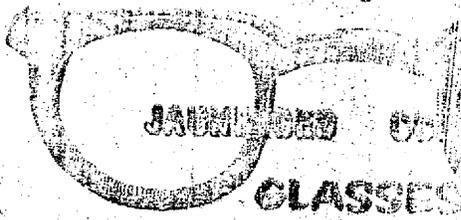


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JFK Dead

Claiming Congressional failure to allow honest investigation of the political assassinations of the '60s is forcing Americans to live under a government ruled by bullets and not ballots, courageous Congressman Henry B. Gonzalez has a strong grasp of grassroots sentiment in this nation.

"I am very concerned because certain leaders refuse to allow an honest investigation into the shootings of the Kennedys, Rev. King and Gov. Wallace. Is a terrible secret being kept from the American citizens? The people deserve the truth."

Frustrated because he has been trying for over a year to get Congressional action on his House Resolution 204, which would re-open the assassination investigations, Rep. Gonzalez charges that the politicians are ignoring the assassination controversy because this is an election year.

"It seems Cong. Ray Madden, chairman of the House Rules Committee, has decided in an almost flippant fashion not to consider my resolution to have an open, honest investigation of the killings and the wounding of George Wallace," the somber-mooded Congressman noted.

"I am told there is a dark fear that 'these things' must not come out in an election year. What things? If there is even a hint of 'dark things' then that's all the more reason we need an open investigation.

"For more than a decade now our American electoral system has been altered and manipulated, either deliberately or by a very strange set of odd circumstances. Our democratic-republican form of government may have been subverted by something far more sinister if even the lesser charges by Warren Commission critics are true,"

Rep. Gonzalez said.

"Congress is the only body in America with the power and the means to get to the truth. Isn't it time we Americans knew the truth of who was responsible for these killings?"

"There are now two bills introduced for just this purpose, and they have 125 co-sponsors between them. Still, the leaders allow no action," he added.

A legislative aide to one of the influential members of the House Judiciary Committee—the Watergate investigators—said, "That business of bottling up Gonzalez isn't simply ignoring public opinion—it's flaunting it!"

"I don't know how Madden and a few of those others just ignore the wishes of the people, not to mention the 125 co-sponsors, so blatantly. It's pretty damned obvious about 90 percent of the people in this nation believe some conspiracy killed Jack Kennedy and that the other shootings are somehow related," he continued.

"Yet, those men did not keep the collective head buried in the sands of protective ignorance, they away from the truth. That's a helluva irresponsible way to conduct an inquiry."

Rep. Gonzalez also said that he now has the full support of Gov. George Wallace, who once held a private opinion that there was a conspiracy to harm him.

"Mr. Ray, he's told me of

her full support. It's illegal and immoral to ignore what her husband convinced this body," Rep. Gonzalez says.

He adds, "I don't have any one theory about what happened to the men who were shot or why. But, I do know two things. Each shooting either eliminated or gravely crippled a leader of great national significance. Secondly, the vast majority of American citizens simply don't believe what their government told them about these horrible crimes."

"We now have an unelected President and an unelected Vice-President right now," Rep. Gonzalez said. "We have not had a Presidential election without ballots, bullets or dirty tricks since John Kennedy was murdered."

"Is someone trying to change the old scriptural injunction from 'Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free' to their version, 'Don't know

the truth because it might make you free?"

"These men, in attacks, either conspired or accidental coincidence, have denied themselves their right of choice in free elections. The potential danger of such a horrible thought as conspiracy is just too chilling to ignore. We must have more facts and that truth, however dark and painful.

"Why is our national leadership so strongly against an open investigation? What or whom do they fear?" Rep. Gonzalez asked.