

Controversy Still Rages

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22 (AP)—Controversy over the shots fired during the assassination of President John F. Kennedy reached new heights on this third anniversary of the Dallas tragedy.

Sen. Russell B. Long, D-La., and former Kennedy adviser Arthur M. Schlesinger Jr. called for further investigation.

But Sen. Richard B. Russell, D-Ga., a member of the Warren Commission, and former Kennedy press aide Malcolm M. Kilduff, while disputing commission findings about the shots, took no issue with the over-all commission conclusion that Lee Harvey Oswald, acting alone, killed Kennedy.

Life magazine, disputing findings about the shots, called in this week's issue for a new investigation. Texas Gov. John Connally, wounded during the assassination, was quoted by Life as in positive disagreement with commission findings about the shots.

A spate of recent books has questioned the commission report. But this week's newest round of debate is the most concentrated yet by present and past government officials.

Mrs. Marguerite Oswald, mother of the accused assassin, entered the discussion with a statement renewing her contention that her son was "framed."

Telephoning from Fort Worth, Mrs. Oswald said:

"Examined in depth, the Warren Report is often wrong. It is full of unchallenged contradictions in witnesses' testimony. The majority of official reports submitted to the commission members is a mass of errors.

"In the words of my late son, Lee Harvey Oswald, 'I don't know what this is all about.'

"He was telling the truth. He was framed and since then he and his family have been pushed about for political gain."

Starting point for the new questioning is the commission finding that one bullet wounded both Kennedy and Connally.

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Over JFK's Death

Some—but not all—of the critics move from here to the question of whether a second person fired at the Kennedy motorcade on that early Dallas afternoon.

Long said in New Orleans yesterday he has always thought that a second person was involved.

The assistant Senate Democratic leader, in answer to a newsman's questions, said that although there is no doubt that Oswald played a part in the assassination, "Whoever fired that second shot was a much better shot than Oswald."

The commission said three shots were fired. It concluded that one hit Kennedy and Connally, a later shot inflicted the major damage on Kennedy and one shot missed. The commission was unable to conclude which of the three shots missed.

Life quoted Connally as say-

ing after a recent review of the amateur films of the events: "There is my absolute knowledge . . . that one bullet caused the President's first wound; and that an entirely separate shot struck me. It's a certainty. I'll never change my mind."

Kilduff, who was the only White House press aide in Dallas and rode in the motorcade, said he agrees with Connally.

Russell said in an interview with the Atlanta, Ga., Journal that he agreed with Connally in rejecting the one-bullet theory.

The commission, in reaching its one-bullet conclusion, studied films of Connally's and Kennedy's relative positions and reactions in the Presidential car and meshed these with timing data concerning the possible rapidity of the shots. Proponents of the theory

that someone in addition to Oswald fired shots contend that Connally reacted too long after Kennedy to have been struck by the same bullet, but too soon thereafter for a second bullet to have been fired from the same rifle.

Schlesinger, a Pulitzer-prize winning historian, said at Oxford, Miss., that it "Appears to me substantial facts and doubts do exist which would warrant a very intensive inquiry." He, like Life, suggested Congress initiate the new investigation.

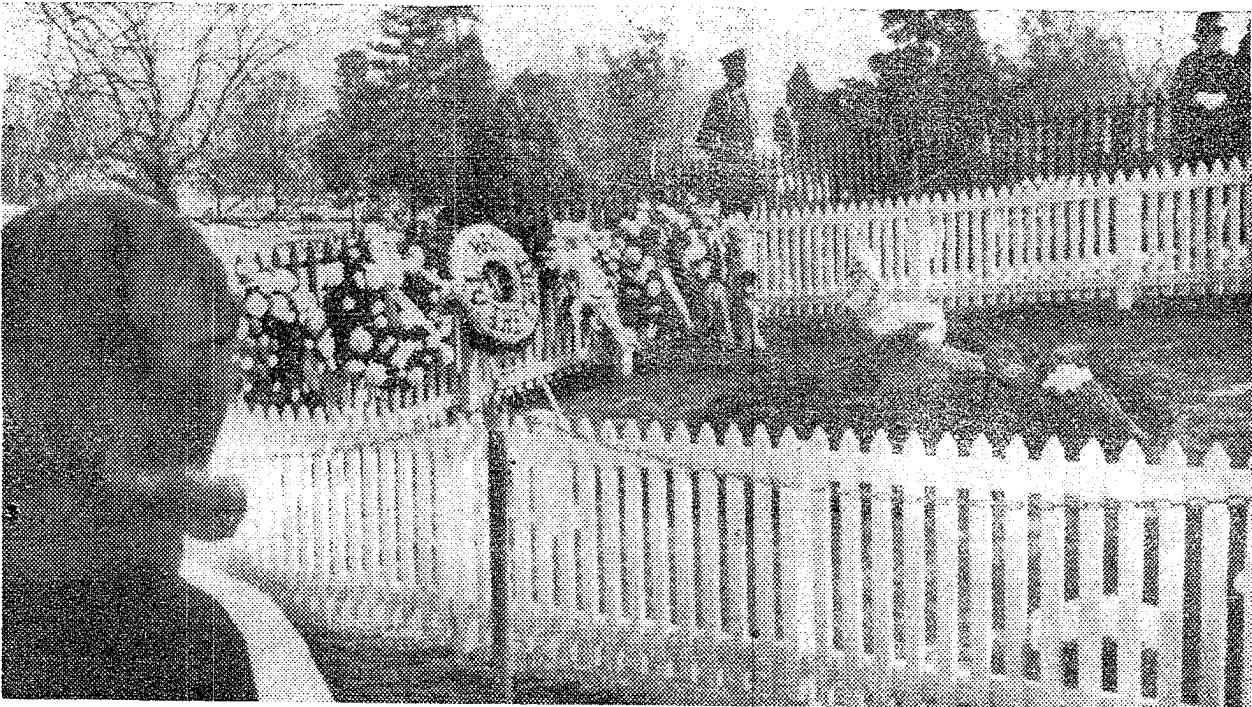
Schlesinger said he had not read the Warren Commission report or any other books on the assassination.

Russell said questions could be raised. "The test is, can you answer them," he added.

The senator said he had not wanted to serve on the commission, but did not say why. He said his objections had led to rewriting of some key findings of the commission report.

"I'm the only man that bucked the report," he said. "I told them, I'm not going to sign it as long as it's this way."

He said he objected to original wording that stated categorically there had been no conspiracy involved in the assassination. He insisted that the report should go no further than saying that Oswald fired the shots that killed Kennedy and wounded Connally.



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Wreaths line the picket fence surrounding President Kennedy's grave in Arlington National Cemetery

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