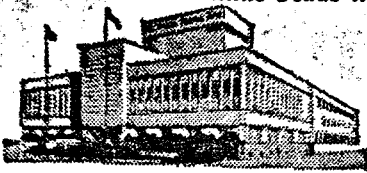


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DALLAS appreciates the remarks of Jim Bishop, who says this city was no more to blame for the death of John F. Kennedy than Washington, D.C., was for Lincoln's. Four years ago today Dallas was shocked and saddened, but not guilty.

Bishop is a reporter-turned-author. Unlike many others who have worked on books about the assassination, Bishop is preoccupied with facts, not images. His reporter's instincts will be on display in a forthcoming work, "The Day Kennedy Was Shot."

The facts, as Bishop sees them, are "tight." They mesh perfectly with the Warren Commission's findings, he believes. "I'm convinced that Lee Harvey Oswald, acting alone, shot President Kennedy as casually as a boy might shoot a tin can in a vacant lot."

But not everybody, by a long shot, agrees with Bishop. Polls have shown that nearly half of the populace doubts the Warren group's word. Indeed, even as Bishop spoke, the latest edition of the Saturday Evening Post shouted from the newsstands, "Three Assassins Killed Kennedy."

IT IS ONE of a hundred theories advanced since that fateful moment at Elm and Houston Streets. This latest is by a professor at Haverford College who became, after the assassination, a special consultant to Life Magazine.

A column by Editor William Emerson of the SEP, and an editorial, don't necessarily agree with the writer's theory, but they do express this point: Some of the known facts do not agree with the Warren Commission's conclusions. And, in a case of this magnitude, no effort should be spared to check out every possible discrepancy.

The Post editorial refers to the claims of New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison that he has "solved" Kennedy's case and fully expects to get several convictions. The Post says Garrison's witnesses are an odd assortment of characters, but adds, "We are unable to judge (the) case from a distance.

"What is clear, however," the Post continues, "is that Garrison has received little or no help from officials outside his jurisdiction, and that any suspected conspirator who can avoid the grasp of the New Orleans authorities remains as free as before."

THE NEWS made much the same point when Garrison announced—or rather, when the press "prematurely" revealed—his investigation. For many Americans, the murder was not solved beyond doubt's shadow. And many are resentful that the Warren Commission arbitrarily stashed away much of the pertinent evidence in the National Archives for a lifetime.

It must be recalled that the commission, in the preface to its report, seemed to be more intent on putting the national mind at ease than with pursuing the facts of the case with all the zeal of criminal investigators.

Thus, four years later, this is clear: If the Warren Commission saw its task as a laying to rest of suspicions, it failed. The News speaks for a great reservoir of national opinion in concern that too many loose ends remain untied. If explanations are available, they should be revealed.

Time and death already have opened a gulf between the present and vital witnesses and evidence. It is not enough to say the Kennedy case should be reopened; for, in the estimation of many, it has never been satisfactorily closed.