

Or, the AP vs the AP

Conspiracy

Under "Conspiracy", Moody and Gawzer say, "The Warren Commission never said: Lee Harvey Oswald, alone, murdered John F. Kennedy, period." That "period" is a nice touch. Firm, Positive. Authoritative, as befits the nation's largest news service. This looked real pretty in the Washington Post, in headline type:

THE WARREN COMMISSION NEVER SAID: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, ALONE, MURDERED JOHN F. KENNEDY, PERIOD.

It actually said: "The commission has found no evidence that Oswald was involved with any person or group in a conspiracy . . ."

This is the Moody-Gawzer version. Rather, I should say ONE Moody-Gawzer version. The Report is like them, or vice versa, for it also has various versions of almost everything. In its very first chapter, on page 19, in the part intended for use as a press release as well as its Summary and Conclusions, here is the Commission's fourth conclusion:

4. The shots which killed President Kennedy and wounded Governor Connally were fired by Lee Harvey Oswald. This conclusion is based upon the following:

But, like the Report, Moody and Gawzer have other versions. By the time they got toward the end of their labor, exhausted by 7 months, 20,000 words of text plus notes and the exacting high standards of accuracy and integrity of the AP, they forgot their opening. Here they give as one of the Commission's conclusions - same Commission, same Report, same assassination, same Oswald - "that all the shots were fired by Oswald--and no other person":

- Any argument that Lee Harvey Oswald was the lone assassin or he wasn't seems from this theory. It is central to these commission conclusions.
- 1. That all the shots fired at the President and Governor were fired from Oswald's sniper's perch on the sixth floor of the Texas School Book Depository, overlooking Dealey Plaza in Dallas--and from no other place.
- 2. That all the shots were fired from a 6.5mm. Mannlicher-Carcano rifle owned by Oswald and found on the sixth floor after the assassination--and from no other weapon in the world.
- 3. That all the shots were fired by Lee Harvey Oswald--and no other person.