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In Kabul, Connally Meets His 1963 Dallas Doctor

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KABUL, Afghanistan, July 8—On Nov. 22, 1963, in the emergency room of Parkland Hospital in Dallas, Dr. James H. Duke plugged a bullet hole in the chest of John B. Connally, then Governor of Texas.

President John F. Kennedy had been fatally wounded that day. Governor Connally had been seriously wounded and he has since credited Dr. Duke with saving his life.

Mr. Connally met Dr. Duke again here yesterday and they went off shopping for guns.

"Red" Duke, as the surgeon is nicknamed, came to Afghanistan two years ago to help set up a medical facility at Nangrahar University in Jalalabad, east of Kabul. The Connallys lost track of him for several years, but learned he was in Afghanistan and insisted he be in Kabul when they arrived here on their 17-nation tour for President Nixon.

It was a warm reunion. Mrs. Connally gave Dr. Duke a big hug and Mr. Connally, coming out of a meeting with government officials, said to them: "With all due respect, he is the most important man

around here—he saved my life."

Between a luncheon with the King, Mohammad Zahir Shah, and official meetings Mr. Connally and Dr. Duke visited three gun shops. Kabul is famous for its antique and fake antique guns and both men are enthusiastic hunters and collectors. "Now you take a look at this one," Dr. Duke said at one gun shop. "It's an 1873 Winchester, not a fancy one, but it's in real good shape."

"Isn't that something?" Mr. Connally said, testing the lever action. "At the second shop he said, 'Red, have you ever seen such a collection of guns as this before?'"

Dr. Duke replied: "In the tribal areas like where I live there's even more. Everybody carries them and they're all

loaded. I spend a good bit of time taking care of the suits."

Afghanistan has a very strong Wild-West atmosphere. Nearly all men carry guns and travelers are told to avoid journeys in some areas at night for fear of being "bush-whacked," as Dr. Duke put it. He said that even the Afghan doctors he worked with in Jalalabad carried pistols strapped to their hips.

Besides old Winchesters, Kabul gun shops contain British Enfield rifles, muskets and other century-old rifles and pistols. Increasingly, however, they are being stocked with copies of these old weapons, some with original firing mechanisms but new stocks and barrels made to look old and inlaid with ivory, brass and plastic chips.

Knives and old British and Afghan swords are also abundant.

With Dr. Duke's advice, Mr. Connally bargained for and purchased a large machete-like knife and two antique rifles. He told the doctor they would be gifts for his sons back home.

Connally Greeted in Iran

TEHERAN, Iran, July 8 (AP)—Mr. Connally was received today by the Shah, Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, at Sadebad Palace for talks and luncheon.