

Dallas cancels formal JFK rites

DALLAS (AP) — The formal city observance has been canceled, but a short prayer service and a moment of silence will mark the 13th anniversary of President John F. Kennedy's assassination in Dallas.

Even as preparations were made for the service Monday, Dallas police gathered records subpoenaed by a House committee investigating the Nov. 22, 1963, slaying.

And the sponsor of the resolution setting up a House committee to reinvestigate the assassination said Sunday he no longer believes in the "full scope" of the Warren Commission report.

Rep. Henry B. Gonzalez, D-Tex., rode in the presidential motorcade in Dallas when Kennedy was killed.

"I would say that now, I would have to believe in Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs and have that kind of gullibility to believe in light of recent developments the full scope of the Warren Commission," Gonzalez said on an Austin television program.

The services at the Kennedy Memorial were hastily planned last week after city officials received some 500 phone calls protesting cancellation of the formal observance. Mayor Robert Folsom had called off a memorial service, citing "declining public interest."

Monday's service will be held not far from the spot where the Warren Commission said Lee Harvey Oswald, acting alone, fired the shots that killed Kennedy.

"There will be no speeches," said Dallas County Democratic Chairman Ron Kessler, who organized the service.