

Connally Says He Op

DALLAS, Tex. (AP) — Gov. John B. Connally has indicated he did not want John F. Kennedy to take the trip to Dallas in November 1963 when the President was assassinated and the governor wounded.

"I reminded him he had not made a political appearance in Texas since the 1960 campaign and that if he spoke at four fund-raising dinners, he would be accused of coming to Texas just to take back a lot of money," Connally says in a copyright interview in the Dallas Times Herald.

The visit to Texas was of the President's own making, Connally says.

CONNALLY made the statement in reaction to Look magazine's first installment of a four-part 60,000-word serialization of William Manchester's controversial account of the assassination, "The Death of a President."

Manchester reports in the book that five prominent Democrats strongly urged Kennedy to keep Dallas off his Texas itinerary in November, 1963, because of what they felt was a highly charged atmosphere of antagonism toward him in the city.

Manchester does not mention Connally, who was Kennedy's first Secretary of the Navy before he resigned to run for governor, as one of those who advised the President to skip Dallas on that fateful tour. The

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author wrote that Kennedy himself felt the trip was "vexatious and unappetizing," but he undertook it for political reasons.

MANCHESTER indicates that then Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson brought about the trip because of his desire for Democratic Party harmony in Texas. The Times Herald, in a story from Washington by Margaret Mayer, quotes Connally as saying Kennedy first mentioned his desire to make a political trip to Texas in the spring of 1963 during two White House conferences.

The governor said he finally agreed to one fund-raising dinner, the one that was to be held in Austin on the night of Nov. 22. Politics were to be soft-pedaled on the remainder of the trip, Connally is quoted as saying.

CONNALLY said he had not read the Manchester work, but he tried to recall his associations with the President and Mrs. Kennedy and said he thought they had been "very pleasant," though brief.

Manchester's book reports that Mrs. Kennedy said she disliked Connally. She was said to have told the President: "I can't stand him all day. He's just one of those men — oh, I don't know. I just can't bear his sitting there saying all those great things about himself. And he seems to be needing you all day."

Kennedy asked her to put aside her hostility to the governor and she did, Manchester reports.

CONNALLY told the Times Herald it was at his suggestion that Mrs. Kennedy joined the President on the Texas trip. He said he told Kennedy that his wife would be a great drawing card for his appearance in Houston and Dallas, and the President agreed she should go.

Manchester reports that Kennedy was delighted with his wife's decision to campaign with him.

Mrs. Kennedy, who returned to New York last night after a 13-day vacation on the Caribbean Island of Antigua, had no comment on the Manchester book upon her arrival at La-

Guardia Airport. Secret Service men immediately whisked her, along with her two children, Caroline, 9, and John, 6, to their 15-room Park Avenue apartment.

IN another Texas reaction to the book, Democrat Maury Maverick Jr. said yesterday that Manchester was wrong about his statements at a political squabble involving Kennedy at San Antonio on Nov. 21, 1963.

But Maverick, a former state Democratic committeeman, said Manchester was right in outlining a hassle involving Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson, Sen. Ralph Yarborough, D-Tex., and Connally.

Maverick said in a weekend interview that Manchester was wrong in reporting he had a conversation with Yarborough.

"Although I was the state Democratic committeeman," Maverick said, "I was not invited to be at the airport, and not permitted to be at the airport by the Connally people. I was never at the airport and never had any conversation with Sen. Yarborough while he was in San Antonio."

MANCHESTER wrote that the San Antonio liberals suggested Yarborough leave the presiden-

tial party in Dallas the next day and said the senator "nodded vigorously."

The article quoted Maverick as saying Yarborough shouldn't get "in the same car with Johnson. Every liberal here and in Houston knows what Connally and Johnson are trying to do to you, and they're waiting to see if you knuckle under to it."

Yarborough and Connally are long-time political foes. Yarborough's political feud with Johnson has not been in evidence since Johnson became President.

"THE real story," Maverick said, "is that the National Democratic Committee advance man, probably with instructions from Gov. Connally, was dealing exclusively with Connally people and making a studied effort to embarrass Ralph Yarborough and his lieutenants throughout the state of Texas."

Meanwhile, in Frankfurt, Germany, the magazine Der Stern said it had turned down a request by the Kennedy family to omit portions of the serialization of the Manchester book.

Henry Nannen, editor-in-chief, said in a telegram to Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, D-N.Y., that "after a last check of the original version of William Manchester's book . . . we are more than ever convinced that there are no passages which could cause distress to Mrs. Kennedy or her family. Some episodes you want to have deleted are as much of political importance as they seem to be private."

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