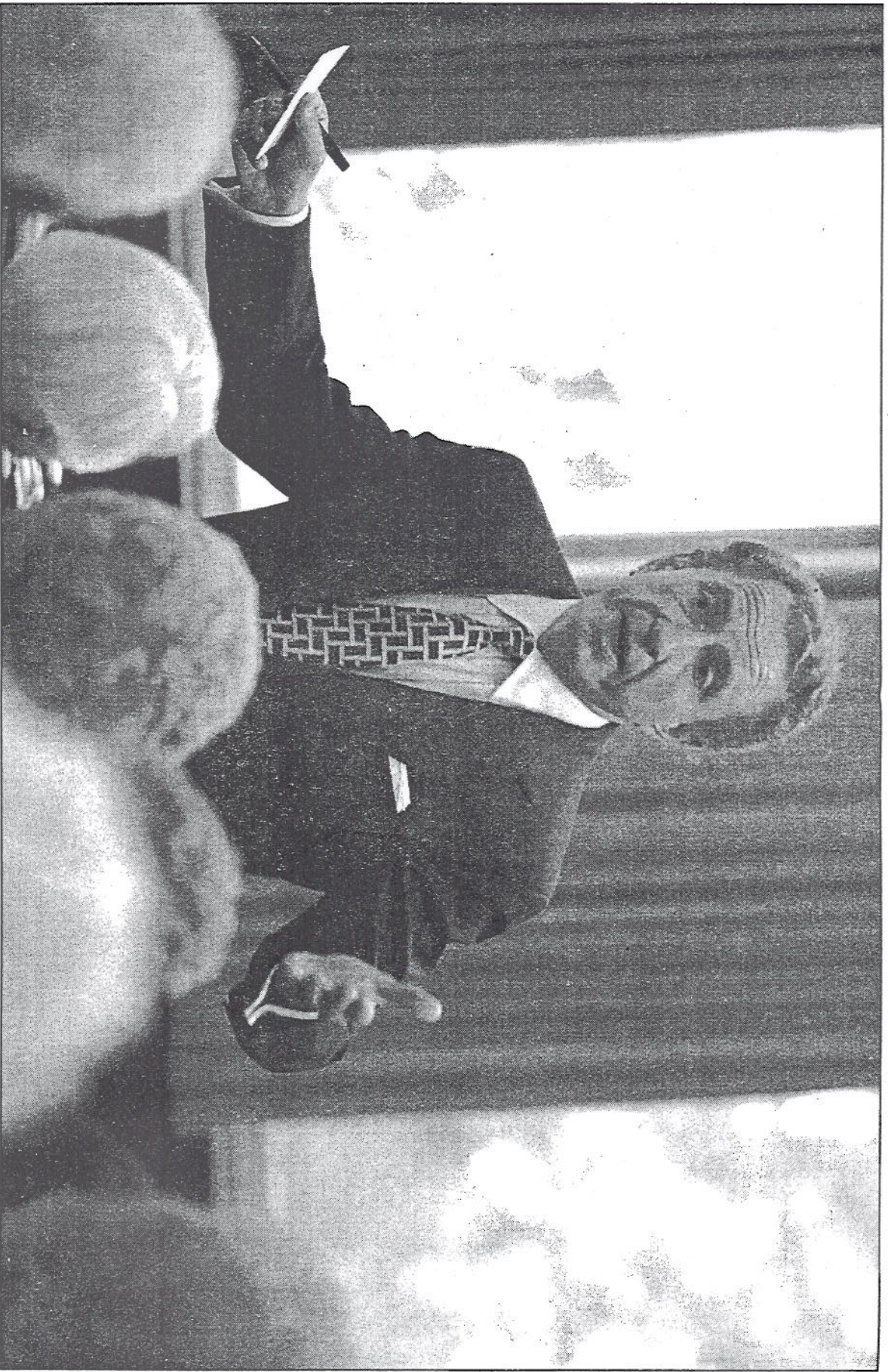


*'Killing babies is wrong, no matter what. You are a baby killer.'*



**Sen. Arlen Specter says abortion "is the most divisive issue in the country since slavery."**

Times photo by Sally Maxson

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**BEAVER** — Got to wonder if U.S. Sen. Arlen Specter will be visiting Beaver County again any time soon.

At a town meeting hosted Friday by the Pennsylvania Republican senator, he was accused of being a baby killer and being involved in a coverup of the assassination of President Kennedy.

After nearly 45 minutes of grilling, Helen Rock of Darlington Township stood up and said, "Welcome to Beaver County, sir."

"Really?" the U.S. senator asked somewhat incredulously.

Specter spoke to more than 50 at the Beaver County Court House as part of a quick tour of the Pittsburgh region.

Though his past voting record would indicate he is pro-choice, Specter said he is against abortion as "a matter of family values. I believe this is something that had to be handled within the family and church."

"This is the most divisive issue in the country since slavery," Specter said, but added that there are instances when a doctor should decide if an abortion could save

anticipated in the Warren Commission's investigation of Kennedy's shooting. Specter said he had no reason to question the "single bullet" theory, one that says a bullet passed through Kennedy and into former Texas Gov. John Connally.

John Fardo of Economy tried to hand Specter a videotape of a documentary called "Best Evidence." On the tape, two doctors claimed the bronze casket that held Kennedy's body was empty on its trip from Dallas to Bethesda Naval Hospital in Washington, D.C.

"He screwed up the whole Warren Commission report," Fardo said of Specter.

Before the public meeting, Specter spoke to a group of county Republican committee members. He said he's not ready to announce re-election plans, but hinted news will come soon.

"Maybe you didn't hear about it, but last year, I ran for president," Specter said wryly.

Specter said soon-to-be former Sen. Bob Dole will improve this summer in his Republican campaign for president, but admitted that Democratic President Bill Clinton "is a very astute campaigner."

## Specter encounters hornet's nest on routine visit to area

a mother's life.

John O'Keefe of Monaca angrily took Specter to task for his abortion stance, while others sported pro-life T-shirts.

"Killing babies is wrong, no matter what. You are a baby killer!" O'Keefe shouted, drawing boos and shouts to sit down from other audience members.

Specter said he doesn't believe the government should step in and control abortion. Yet, he said he and fellow Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum are introducing legislation that will teach abstinence for high school students and offer tax breaks for adoptions.

"You couldn't even button Santorum's shoes," O'Keefe shouted.

Rock and others from Darlington asked Specter for help in their ongoing fight against Envirotrol Inc.'s plans to expand its plant on Cannelton Road in Darlington

Township. The group said they are not getting help from state agencies, and Specter said he would do what he could.

John Tomich of Hopewell Township accused Specter of remaining in close contact with the Bosnian government while ignoring the concerns of American Serbians.

Specter denied that charge, saying he didn't feel the American government should have gotten involved in the Serb-Croatian civil conflict, sending troops into the war-torn region.

"If we had not had an arms embargo, we would not have gotten involved in this," Specter said.

One of the most bizarre accusations came from a man who asked why Specter should not be charged after the fact as an accessory to the 1963 assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Specter was one of the lawyers who par-

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Dear Mr. Thomson:

Please accept my apologies for not acknowledging your letter of June 2 before now.

The delay is because Harold, who normally answers most of the letters, has been hospitalized much of the time since late March and I've let correspondence pile up.

Now that he is home, I hope that things will eventually return to normal.

We appreciate your letter and its enclosure which will add to the file on the Honorable Specter.

Sincerely,



Lillian Weisberg

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Weisberg,

6/2/96

Enclosed is a news story from the Beaver County Times of Sunday, 6/2/96 about Arlen Specter's open house in Beaver, PA the afternoon of Friday, 5/31. As you see, the senator ran into quite a lot of unfriendly comment. I have also included the letter which I wrote today to the Beaver paper. I think they will print it, but am sending it to you just in case they don't, so that you can see what I have written. If they don't print it, I will call on Mr. Uhuriniak and ask him why. Three years ago they did print a letter from me on the assassination.

Of 15 people who asked questions, 2 were on the JFK matter. I have read Lifton's book, BEST EVIDENCE, which is the basis for the tape that Mr. Fardo tried to give to Specter, and I must say that it is a very puzzling book. I also heard Lifton lecture several years ago. I may add that Specter said at the open house that these people (Paul O'Connor and the other Navy man who talked to Lifton) "never testified before the Warren Commission," and I said, very loudly, "Of course they didn't. You guys never asked them to." Mr. Fardo, whom I don't know, did his best to give Specter the tape, but was unsuccessful.

I will give Specter that he handles himself well, and is fast on his feet. If his damned career weren't based on his big lie, I would think he is a pretty good senator, but the man is a liar and an accessory after the fact.

The other day I got a letter from Fletcher Prouty, answering a letter of mine written some time ago. He said that he was glad that I had read and believed your books, and that he had a letter of yours on his desk waiting for his answer.

I just hope that we can get enough younger people in this business. You and Fletcher Prouty and I are getting old. But we do keep trying.

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6/2/96

The Beaver County Times for Sunday, 6/2/96, carried an article and picture of Sen. Arlen Specter's open house. On the whole I think that Mr. Vidonic did a reasonably good job of reporting. I am the man who accused the senator of being an accessory after the fact in the murder of John F. Kennedy. Having made the accusation (in the form of a question) to Mr. Specter's face in public, I am glad to repeat it in public print.

I must object to your reporter's characterization of my accusation as "bizarre." What is bizarre is the "single bullet" theory. This "single bullet" theory, or as it is often called, "Dr. Specter's magic bullet", postulates that a bullet can go through one man's neck (Kennedy's), enter another man's back (Connally's), breaking a rib, continue on to pass completely through Connally's wrist, smashing his radius bone, enter his thigh, and emerge looking almost like new to be preserved as Warren Commission Exhibit 399. Ask any hunter or target shooter what happens to the nose of a bullet that smashes a heavy bone, and the answer will be that it invariably is flattened severely. The bizarre thing is "Dr. Specter's magic bullet", not a question about it.

Mr. Specter answered me by replying to a question that I did not ask. He explained that he was not an accessory as he had not conspired to murder Kennedy. I neither said nor implied that he had. I implied that he is an accessory *after the fact* as his single bullet postulate made the Warren report possible, and thereby helped the real murderers get away with their crime.

This accusation has been made many times by many people. Mr. Harold Weisberg, Ms. Sylvia Meagher, and Mr. Mark Lane most notably. Mr. Weisberg went so far as to challenge Mr. Specter to meet him anytime and anywhere in public so that Mr. Weisberg could call him a liar to his face. Mr. Specter never accepted this challenge, even when Mr. Weisberg offered to make his statement at the Philadelphia City Hall wherein Mr. Specter was then District Attorney.

Mr. Specter said that he has no reason to question the "single bullet theory". Of course he doesn't. It is his theory, developed by him to make the Warren Report temporarily feasible, and it is the cornerstone upon which his political career was built. Without the magic bullet, this man who was an obscure Democratic assistant district attorney would not have

become a Republican senator. By giving a big assist to the murderers of a president he achieved political prominence, and affluence to which few of us can hope.

His career is founded upon the big lie, and he is an accessory after the fact to a murder in Texas and an obstructor of justice in Washington, DC.

PS. I don't know why Mr. Vidonic failed to get my name at the open house. I'm not looking for publicity, but I have no fear of saying what I said in my own name, publicly or privately. I turned in one of the cards to Mr. Specter's assistant, repeating my accusations on the back, and including my name, address and phone number.