

CONNALLY THREAT LAID TO 2 WOMEN

F.B.I. Says Call Was Made
on Day of Ruby Verdict

NASHVILLE, March 18 (UPI)—Two women were arrested here today on charges of threatening "bodily harm" to Gov. John E. Connally of Texas the same day that Jack L. Ruby was convicted and sentenced to die.

Governor Connally, seriously wounded in the assassination of President Kennedy Nov. 22 in Dallas, did not personally receive the call, the Federal Bureau of Investigation said. The F.B.I. said the call had been taken by a highway patrolman at the Governor's mansion in Austin, Tex.

Ruby was convicted last Saturday of murdering Lee H. Oswald, the alleged assassin.

The two women charged with making the threat were identified as Christine Burke, 34 years old, and June McGriff, 38, both of Nashville. Both women are unemployed.

An F.B.I. spokesman said the person who phoned the mansion would not state the reason for the threat, saying only that "it had to do with the conviction and sentencing of Ruby."

The caller also refused to disclose the specific nature of the threat, the bureau said, other than to declare "it was to do bodily harm, not to kill."

Cast Removed From Arm

Mr. Connally said in Dallas earlier today that he had received "three or four" threats on his life since Ruby was condemned. The Governor was in Dallas to have a cast removed from his wounded right arm.

Mr. Connally said he had also received some "very vile" letters since Ruby was convicted.

The women arrested here were taken into custody at their homes and offered no resistance, Federal agents said. Both waived preliminary hearings before United States Commissioner A. B. Neil Jr. and were released under \$2,500 bond.

The spokesman said that the women had been charged under a Federal extortion statute with "willfully making a long distance call from Nashville to Austin threatening to injure the person of Gov. John Connally."

The maximum penalty for conviction on the charge is five years imprisonment and a \$1,000 fine. The complaint was filed today by the F.B.I. in San Antonio, Tex.