

# G.O.P. Denies Hate Killed the President

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 6—Congressional Republicans deplored today what they called attempts to blame "hatred" in this country for the assassination of President Kennedy.

They suggested that if any belief was responsible it was Communism.

A statement issued by the House Republican Policy Committee criticized "efforts to make Americans generally feel guilty." The committee's 36 members include the party leadership.

"We are told that hate was the assassin that struck down the President," the statement said. "If it was hatred that moved the assassin, that hatred was bred by the teachings of Communism. All the evidence so far presented affirms this." Sen-

ator Milward L. Simpson Republican of Wyoming, said on the floor that persons seeking "political advantage from warping the uncontestable truth" were trying to blame "rightists and conservatives."

"Unless the protagonists of the hate and collective guilt theories have a different set of facts than have been made available to me," Senator Simpson said, "it was not a right-wing fanatic who killed John F. Kennedy."

## 'Kill-Crazy Communist'

"It was a single kill-crazy Communist who was acting to the dictates of his own unexplainable left-wing dementia.

"Insinuating that conservative elements in America are to blame for the killing makes about as much sense as Blaming Billy Mitchell for the Bombing of Pearl Harbor."

The man who was accused of the assassination, Harvey Lee Oswald, was a self-declared Marxist. Government officials who have viewed the available information, say there is every reason to think that Mr. Oswald acted on his own, not in any conspiracy or on behalf of any movement.

Disclosure of the evidence by the Government awaits completion of a report by the Justice Department. It was still being prepared tonight, and officials could not give any estimate of when it might be ready.

The commission appointed to look into the assassination and the murder of Oswald held a second meeting today but made little progress because it did not yet have the Government's report on the events.

Chief Justice Earl Warren, the chairman, told reporters after a meeting of a little over an hour that it was not possible to lay out the inquiry or even plan a staff in the absence of the report.

"We have no idea of the magnitude of the work," the Chief Justice said.

## Approve Resolution

The one step the commission did take today was to approve the language of a Congressional resolution giving it subpoena power. This is expected to be introduced shortly.

The Chief Justice said the request for subpoena power was no sign at all that the commission had hearings in mind. It was simply a basic preparatory move, he said. No date has yet been set for the next commission meeting.

This evening the Attorney General of Texas, Waggoner Carr, announced here that a Texas inquiry into the tragedy would give way to the Federal commission.

Justice Department officials confirmed today that while Federal inquiries are proceeding, the press is being kept from Mr. Oswald's widow, Russian-born Marina Oswald. She is being closely questioned by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Mrs. Oswald is in the custody of the Secret Service in Dallas. It was understood unofficially that the Secret Service

did not make the original objection to press interviews with her.

The Justice Department felt it was both unwise and unsafe to risk publicizing her at this time.

There were reports also of obstacles to interviews with Marine Corps personnel who knew Oswald when he was in the Marines. But the Defense department denied that any official policy against such interviews existed.

The republican criticism today was apparently directed at statements by, among others, President Johnson and Chief Justice Warren. They suggested not that the assassin was himself in any hate group but that hate groups had created an atmosphere in which assassination was possible.

In his message to Congress Nov. 27, the President urged an end to "the preaching of hate and evil and violence."

"Let us turn away from the fanatics of the far left and the far rights," he said, "from the apostles of bitterness and bigotry, from those defiant of law."

Chief Justice Warren, speaking in the Capitol Rotunda on Nov. 24, said:

"What moved some misguided wretch to do this horrible deed may never be known to us, but we do know that such acts are commonly stimulated by forces of hatred and malevolence such as today are eating their way into the bloodstream of American life."

The house G.O.P. statement today warned against letting guilt and doubt become "a device of political debate."

"There is guilt," the committee said, "but it is not American guilt. It is the guilt of the murderers."

"There is hatred, fanaticism and bigotry in the world, but America is not its source or loyal Americans its practitioners."

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## Epitaph for City of Dallas

To The Editor of The New York Times:

No more fitting description for the city of Dallas could be set forth than as follows:

Here lies a city where President Kennedy was assassinated. Here lies a city where before the assassination some of its members proudly placed on their cars the letters KKK, standing for Kill Kennedy Klan, and other insulting stickers. Here lies a community where hatred, bigotry and intolerance of another's opinion were permitted to breed an atmosphere where dignitaries were insulted and where they could not walk without being molested.

Here lies a city where Lyndon B. Johnson, a son of Texas, and his wife were spat upon in 1960. Here lies a city where United Nations Ambassador Adlai E. Stevenson was insulted, heckled and constantly interrupted during his speech in October 1963.

Here lies a city where some of its citizens openly stated they would like to kill the President of the United States.

Never in the course of history have so few disgraced so many.

JOSEPH A. DEVANY.

Dallas, Tex., Nov. 27, 1963.

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