

Non-Communist Papers Praise Warren Report

LONDON (AP)—Non-Communist newspapers in Britain and on the European continent generally praised the Warren report today. Communist and leftist newspapers said it failed to dissipate all doubt.

"An impressive document," said a typical British comment, in *The Guardian*. "Only the most skeptical will continue to harbor doubts in the face of this massive . . . memorable report."

Tass, the Soviet news agency, said in a dispatch from Washington: "The Warren report fails to dissipate all doubts and suspicions about the assassination." It didn't mention that Lee Harvey Oswald had spent time in the Soviet Union but said:

"The reactionary American press tried to picture Oswald as a Marxist."

A Soviet newspaper charged that Mr. Kennedy's assassination "was the result of a conspiracy by the most reactionary forces" in the United States in

which "Texas oil barons played a fatal role."

The Moscow newspaper *Komsomolskaya Pravda* made the charge under the headline "Secret Move of the Oil Barons." The article, however, reviewed only disputes between Mr. Kennedy and oil company interests over proposed changes in oil depletion allowances for tax purposes. The paper made no attempt to document its charges.

Rome's independent *Il Tempo* emphasized that the report "indicates the cause of the crime was the Marxist convictions of the killer."

Said London's conservative *Daily Telegraph*:

"The assassination was a tragedy, personal, national and international, but any suspicions of a conspiracy behind it are now set at rest."

The independent *Times of London* said:

"It is thorough, painstaking, voluminously frank, and above all truly scrupulously careful in its analysis and conclusions."

While approving the report, London's conservative *Daily Mail* expressed "incredulous amazement at the catastrophic

negligence of those responsible for the President's safety. The precautions broke down at nearly every point through sheer incompetence.

"The FBI and the U.S. Secret Service have been regarded here as models of alertness and efficiency. That idea must be drastically revised."

Criticism came from the London Communist *Daily Worker*, which called the report a whitewash, and from the 92-year-old philosopher Bertrand Russell.

Russell, chairman of a self-appointed "Who Killed Kennedy Committee," said of the report: "It is a sordidly incompetent document, and it covers its authors in shame." His aides, however, conceded that he had not read it, but was filled in by transatlantic telephone.

Other comment:

Stockholm liberal *Dagens Nyheter*—"A preliminary study presents a convincing impression—that the Warren Commission, during its investigation of one of the greatest tragedies of our time, has been impartial and careful."

Stockholm conservative

Svenska Dagbladet—"One of the greatest mysteries is that a man with Oswald's background—defection from the Marine Corps, a prolonged stay in the Soviet Union, marriage to a Russian woman—was not subjected to a more rigid control. . . . Still more grotesque is the fact that a shabby night club owner was given the opportunity of shooting and killing Oswald while in the midst of scores of policemen. . . ."

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Belgrade Yugoslavia *Evening News*—"Oswald and Ruby were not members of any conspiracy."

Copenhagen *Aktuelt*, Socialist—"We don't think that the myriad myths and rumors have come to an end. Many of the rumors have been denied with facts to the extent that the commission has had them in hand."

"No one doubts that the Warren Commission has tried to seek out what was possible. But the question remains whether the report in the long run will be considered the truth of history."