

Finding of Warren Report Is Welcomed by Diplomats

By the Associated Press

United States foreign-policy makers expected and welcomed today the Warren commission's basic finding: that President Kennedy's assassination was the work of one man alone, without foreign or domestic conspiracy.

Secretary of State Dean Rusk, the commission's report disclosed, testified he saw no scrap of evidence pointing to Kremlin complicity or desire to kill Kennedy.

To try to assassinate the U. S. President "would be an act of rashness and madness for Soviet leaders" unlike their actions in recent years, Rusk said. He hinted that a contrary Soviet policy would risk setting off nuclear war.

Any conclusion by the investigation panel that tied the assassination to a foreign power would have posed major problems for U. S. diplomacy. Instead, the report said repeatedly there was no evidence of any external link. It spoke of foreign cooperation—including some material supplied by the Russians—in the U. S. inquiry.

Being Disseminated

The U. S. Information Agency, the government's overseas propaganda organ, arranged for worldwide dissemination of the commission's findings.

This included shortwave news broadcasts on the report by the Voice of America in 37 languages and the speeding of 25,000 pamphlets containing the text of its conclusions to 228 posts abroad for use by U.S. diplomats and for distribution to foreigners.

Speculation about a conspiracy in the assassination has ranked second only to the election campaign in West European gossip about America, according to information reaching officials here. They hoped the commission's knockdown of a wide range of rumors would have at least a temporary quieting effect.

Although Lee Harvey Oswald was an avowed Marxist, lived in Russia for 2½ years and tried to renounce his U.S. citizenship, then agitated for Cuba's Communist Castro regime on his return, much of the speculation abroad has been that the assassination was a rightist plot.

No Evidence Seen

Leftwing organizations have tried to promote the idea that rightists used Oswald as a tool for the killing, then silenced him through the gun of nightclub operator Jack Ruby.

The portion of Rusk's testimony carried in the report dealt with whether the Russians had a hand in the affair. The Secretary of State said:

"I have not seen or heard of any scrap of evidence indicating that the Soviet Union had any desire to eliminate President Kennedy nor in any way participated in any such event."

And while there were "grave differences" between Kennedy and Soviet Premier Khrushchev, Rusk said, both evidenced "a certain mutual respect" and were aware that the United States and Russia bear special responsibilities for the peace of the world—"indeed one could almost say the existence of the northern hemisphere in this nuclear age."

As for the Castro regime, also cleared by the commission of any involvement in the assassination, Rusk said that after the tragedy "there was very considerable concern in Cuba as to whether they would be held responsible and what the effect of that might be on their own position and their own safety."