

# Connally Cool to No. 2 Spot

Washington

John Connally, the former governor of Texas and Secretary of the Treasury, said yesterday it is "highly questionable" he would accept the vice presidential nomination, even if President Ford offered it to him.

Connally also attacked three Republican congressmen who questioned whether his involvement in the milk fund scandal — he was acquitted of bribery — shouldn't disqualify him as a Ford running mate. He called his critics "Republicans for cannibalism."

Connally, interviewed on ABC's "Issues and Answers" television program, said he wanted to help Mr. Ford's re-election. "I have felt all spring that the President has not been well served by some of the judgments made by people who have been running his campaign."

But he was not enthusiastic about the No. 2 spot. He said, "The vice president can't do anything unless he is told ... That doesn't sound like John Connally at all."

On the television show, taped Friday, he said: "I have said it before, but I don't think you will believe me because you think I am motivated beyond the point that I am, but I think it is highly question-



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JOHN CONNALLY ON THE TELEVISION PROGRAM  
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able that I would accept the vice presidency if it was offered to me."

Connally was harsh about last week's comments by Republican Representatives Thomas Railsback of Illinois, Paul Findley of Illinois, and William Cohen of Maine. They urged Mr. Ford to look at the record of Connally's bribery trial and the House Judiciary Committee's impeachment evidence because that might be used by the Democrats in a presidential campaign.

Connally used the initials of

Railsback, Findley and Cohen to spell out "Republicans for Cannibalism."

"I will be glad," he said, "to compare my personal record with theirs. I will be glad to divulge all of my political contributions ... if they will name every person who contributed to them, the amount they contributed in their last election, particularly Congressman Cohen, I will be delighted to compare records with him."

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