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washington, Feb. 7 (AP) Mrs. Marina Oswald said today her husband became "abnormal" after returning from Russia in 1962, and practiced shooting in the months preceding the assassination of President Kennedy on Nov. 22.

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(By sterling F. Green) x x x Nov. 22.

In an interview with a small group of reporters, the ~~divorced~~ widow of lee harvey oswald said she realized his abnormality after an attempt on the life of maj. gen. edwin a. walker in dallas on April 10.

questioned as to why she did not immediately tell police about the sniper attack on walker - which she said oswald described to her -- the slim russian-born widow said:

"Because I am his wife."

Speaking in low-pitched, halting English, Mrs. Oswald said she did not know why her husband fired the rifle shots in dallas that killed kennedy and wounded texas gov. john connally.

She made it plain she believed oswald did do the shooting.

Before the assassination, she said, Oswald had never spoken against kennedy to her. as to whether he might have been aiming at connally, she said, "I don't know."

the 22-year-old mother of two said she hopes to become an American citizen, improve her knowledge of english and history, educate her children -- but not remarry.

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when asked whether she had been treated fairly by the presidential investigating commission headed by chief justice earl warren, she failed to understand the word "fairly." Her lawyer, John M. Thorne, explained that the question meant whether she felt the interrogators treated her well, whether she liked warren.

Her face lit up ~~widex~~ with a smile, and she said: "Oh, yes -- just like my grandfather."

mrs. oswald said her husband, a 24-year-old ex-marine sharpshooter, went to mexico city on sept. 26 -- less than a month before the assassination-- because he wanted to get a visa to live in cuba.

He also had planned, she indicated, to go to russia after cuba. oswald had met her in russia, where he went in october, 1959, and tried unsuccessfully to become a soviet citizen.

She said that she knew, after he brought her to this country, that oswald practiced rifle shooting -- not very often, but "sometimes."

"Was your husband an angry, a violent man," a reporter asked.

"He was a normal man," she replied.

"Did you feel that it was normal to shoot at Gen. Walker?"

"That was not normal....to shoot at anybody!"

And when a reporter inquired whether she felt it was abnormal to have shot at the texas conservative leader, she agreed that it was abnormal.

Oswald was normal when she met and married him in russia, the widow said, but he changed after they came back to the united states -- "I don't know why."

she said she had no wish to talk to oswald's mother, mrs. marguerite oswald of fort worth, who will be the second witness before the warren commission. the mother's questioning begins monday.

as for why she does not want to talk to her mother-in-law, the young woman said with a gesture of helplessness: "It is too much bad for me."

the 56-year-old mother of oswald has described the charges that her son killed kennedy as "trumped-up."

The young widow, however, said she was "sorry" for oswald, did not understand why he shot the president but is convinced he did.

mrs. oswald, who yesterday completed four days of testimony before the commission investigating the assassination, faced reporters at a televised news conference.

she seemed weary but was poised and friendly.

she wore a white blouse and a chartreuse jumper dress, and before the interview began smoking a cigarette nervously.

she sat at a table in front of reporters, flanked by Thorne and her business advisor, jim martin, a dallas man, ~~helping~~ helping her with her affairs.

occasionally she could not understand a question, because of her limited knowledge of english. then her advisers would explain it to her and she would answer. her answers were brief and came, generally, without hesitating.

as to her future plans, she said she had no plans to move to another ~~state~~ state, "I love texas."

she hopes she may be able to resume the pharmacy profession she had practiced in russia. "i love my profession," she said.

after the interview was over, she chatted for a few minutes with the reporters.

then, with something like a sign of relief, she said, "not I go to church."

oswald's mother demanded and won the right to appear before the commission, bring a lawyer and all

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