

## Warren Heads Panel

# Top-Level Probe Of Assassination

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President Johnson appointed a seven-man commission under Chief Justice Earl Warren last night to investigate the assassination of President Kennedy and the murder of his accused slayer, Lee Harvey Oswald.

Mr. Johnson instructed the top-level panel to report to him, to the American people and to the world after it has satisfied itself "that the truth is known as far as it can be discovered."

By his action, Mr. Johnson ended the competitive battle among congressional committees to investigate the murder of Mr. Kennedy in Dallas last Friday.

### CONGRESSMEN

The President named four members of Congress to the commission — Senator Richard Russell (Dem-Ga.), Senator John Sherman Cooper (Rep - Ky.), Representative Hale Boggs (Dem-La.) and Representative Gerald Ford (Rep-Mich.).

The other two commission members are Republicans — Allen W. Dulles, former director of the Central Intelligence Agency, and John J. McCloy, an international troubleshooter under the last four Presidents.

The commission, under orders from Mr. Johnson, will study and report upon all facts and circumstances relating to the death of Mr. Kennedy and the murder of

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Oswald by Dallas nightclub owner Jack Ruby.

### TRUTH

The President instructed the seven-man panel to gather information from all possible sources in an attempt to determine the full truth about the two killings.

Mr. Johnson said all evidence uncovered by the FBI and a Texas court of inquiry will be made available to the commission.

He also instructed all Federal agencies and offices to co-operate with the commission and to offer their services. Warren will determine when the probe is to start.

### NO LIMIT

Acting White House press secretary Andrew T. Hatcher said Mr. Johnson had talked personally with every member of the commission.

He also said the panel would have all necessary powers, including the power of subpoena, and there would be no time limit on its investigation.

Texas Attorney General Waggoner Carr, who convened the State court of inquiry, has pledged full cooperation, Mr. Johnson said.

### ACCEPTABILITY

In bringing together Republicans and Democrats, Southerners and Northerners, elected officials and private individuals, and members of the legislative and judicial branches, Mr. Johnson was attempting to form a commission whose findings would be accepted by all Americans.

The Warren Commission is similar in scope to the one established by the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1942 under Supreme Court Justice Owen J. Roberts to investigate the Japanese sneak attack on Pearl Harbor.

Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy had planned to present results of an FBI investigation to Mr. Johnson next week. The Attorney General was consulted by Mr. Johnson in assembling the high-level commission for a more thorough inquiry.

The Senate Judiciary Com-

mittee, under Senator James Eastland (Dem-Miss.), had begun laying the ground work for a probe of its own. But this task will not be pursued now that Mr. Johnson has named the commission.

Although Dallas police and the FBI are convinced beyond doubt that Oswald, a 24-year-old Communist sympathizer, fired the two rifle shots that killed Mr. Kennedy, many vital questions have not been cleared up.

Among them are these:

- Did Oswald have an accomplice?
- Was Mr. Kennedy's assassination part of a conspiracy?
- Was Ruby involved in any way with Oswald?
- How did Ruby get into Dallas police headquarters, where he murdered Oswald last Sunday morning?
- What were the motives for the killing of Mr. Kennedy and Oswald?
- Why was Oswald, a known supporter of Castro Cuba, not kept under surveillance during the President's visit to Dallas?
- Were the Secret Service and the Dallas police lax in protecting both Mr. Kennedy and his accused assassin?

The authorities have been conducting an intensive investigation this past week to determine whether there was any link between Oswald and Ruby.

### IRVING

There have been reports that Oswald was seen in one of Ruby's night clubs in Dallas and that the two men lived in the same neighborhood of Irving, a Dallas suburb.

Oswald had been charged formally with the assassination of Mr. Kennedy and the murder of Police Officer J. D. Tippit. He also had been accused of assault to murder Texas Governor John Connally, who was seriously wounded while riding at Mr. Kennedy's side in a Dallas motorcade.

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