

## Replies to Trevor-Roper

# Warren Report Dispute Gets Hotter in Britain

### London

An Oxford intellectual, charging "bias" and "inaccuracy," yesterday refuted an Oxford University professor's attack on the Warren Commission report on President Kennedy's assassination.

The attack by Professor Hugh Trevor-Roper, Regius Professor of modern history, also drew a counter-blast from a journalist and a newspaper's legal staff.

At the same time, however, his views won support from Earl (Bertrand) Russell, phi-

losopher and anti-nuclear campaigner on the British "Who Killed Kennedy?" Committee.

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The argument ran across a total of 16 columns in two British Sunday papers, The Observer and the Sunday Times.

Trevor-Roper, widely known for his book, "The Last Days of Hitler," in a front-page article in the Sunday Times last weekend said that, by its handling of the evidence he considered the Warren Commission's report "inadmissible."

In yesterday's Sunday Times, John Sparrow, a lawyer and now warden of All Souls College, Oxford, wrote a full-page article in reply, declaring that Trevor-Roper "has done to the report and to its authors an injustice that should be exposed without delay."

Sparrow, who examined item by item the issues mentioned in the historian's attack, said: "His account of it (the report) seems to me a travesty, so marred by bias and blotted with inaccuracies that it is hard to believe that it was written by the honest and intelligent man that he is. It is deplorable that such a document should carry the authority of the professor's name . . ."

The Observer also devoted most of a page to a rebuttal

of the attack. Its Washington correspondent, Godfrey Hodgson, and its legal staff in London made a point-by-point reply to Trevor-Roper's questions about the report, accused him of being "grossly unfair" on one point and elsewhere of having "misquoted" and "misrepresented" some of the evidence.

Lord Russell, in a letter to the Sunday Times, congratulated it "for being the first major British or American newspaper to allow a fair hearing to the overwhelming case against the Warren Report and the official version of the assassination of President Kennedy."

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