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# Did Connally Know?

## The Cup of Coffee Jazz

Time after time the questions have been asked: "What about Governor Connally? Why did they shoot him? Did he know about the conspiracy?" In the past we have answered by saying we were undecided as to whether or not he knew, but that it made little difference to the killers. If he got in the line of fire, then he would be shot. (Connally probably would have died had not Mrs. Connally pulled him down in her lap, an action which partially halted the flow of blood from his wounds during the ride to Parkland Hospital.)

Now we answer differently. Now we believe Connally

knew the President was going to be killed, but Connally did not know when, where or how. Connally, in addition to being almost fatally wounded, suffered mental disturbance after the assassination. For a year, friends were uncertain whether Connally would even seek another term as Governor of Texas. We attributed this to trauma from the horrible death he had witnessed. Now, we think differently.

Connally's real trouble was the realization that his friends thought so little of him that they had no hesitancy about killing him while shooting the President's brains out. Connally was always a very close friend to Lyndon Johnson. Connally's first job after law school was Administrative Assistant to the new congressman from Austin, Lyndon Johnson. Although Connally had long been on the payroll of the Fort Worth based Sid Richardson oil empire, he continued to run errands for Lyndon upon request.

Connally was experienced with a rifle, so his strange statement "My God, they are going to kill us all," had long puzzled us. That was truly rapid thinking when at this point the Secret Service men had hardly reacted at all.

Connally did not say: "My God, that man is going to kill someone." Connally did not indicate at the time of his testimony whether or not he knew—from the direction of the shots or the rapidity of the shots—why he had used the plural pronoun. The most terrible possibility is that as the guns were firing, in his moment of truth, Governor Connally was admitting he knew of the entire plot.

The Governor has always insisted that he was not hit by the same bullet that went through the President's back. At the same time, Connally has stated that he is satisfied with the conclusions of the Warren Commission. This is insanity. By persisting that he was hit by a separate shot, Connally destroys the Warren Report completely. How can he then state that he has no quarrel with the Commission's findings?

Governor Connally was an important member of the group which made the decision to hold the luncheon in The Trade Mart. The Trade Mart decision was necessary, and a downtown parade was imperative in order that a strange group in the office of attorney Eugene Locke (candidate for Governor of Texas in 1968) could make the decision for the detour by the School Book Depository Building.

Connally's coat had to be cleaned and pressed in order to preserve the "lone man" killer theory, but there may have been another reason. While Connally lay critically ill in Parkland Hospital, the coat was taken to Washington and cleaned and pressed. This may also have been to prevent Connally from knowing for certain that the shot that hit him came from the top of the Dallas County Jail. Connally might have harbored some real hatred towards the jailtop rifleman had it been definitely established the shot came from that location. Two Dallas deputy sheriffs have been killed because of what they knew, and the murder of a third might have caused some lifted



eyebrows.

But now there is additional evidence that Connally was part of the conspiracy. The White Russian communities of Dallas, Fort Worth, and Houston all had many important members, tied into the conspiracy. Their organization called the Solidarists, a worldwide organization of White Russians, was a participant. These Russians still consider the Communists as simply the occupiers of their homeland.

Many of these White Russians have now bought homes on the British island of Jamaica. Paul Raigorodsky, one

of the leaders in the Russian community in Dallas gave a hint of the move in the kid glove questioning he got from Warren Commission attorney Albert Jenner ". . . and (I) finally bought a plantation in Jamaica together with some friends here and we organized a club called Tryall, T-r-y-a-l-l (spelling) Golf Club, and I go there every year now . . ." Many Russians from Dallas, Fort Worth and Houston have established homes at Tryall in Jamaica.

An important new member of the Jamaica club set was reported in The Dallas Times Herald August 11, 1968 in a column by Val Imm, Society Editor: "Reports are that Governor and Mrs. John Connally are new property owners in Jamaica at Tryall resort which means they join plenty of other Texans who like that kind of island living . . ." Now this is a big round globe, but Connally feels it necessary to join a large group of right wing White Russians in Jamaica!

Now the Solidarists can reassure the Governor daily: "No, we did not intend to shoot you. It was an accident. I tell you, it was an accident."