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Whether or not once considers unions a basic institution of our society one in particular, one of the largest and mosy influential, failed tragically. One of its employees believed he knew -- and named -- a man responsible for the King assassination.

I believe that beginning with worker militancy that began with the "Great Depression" that started with the stock-market crash of 1929, which I recall clearly, with the organization and success^{w/} of the Congress^(CIC) of Industrial Organizations, these militant unions gave impetus to the modernization of our society, to ~~changed~~ ^{President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's} social and economic concepts, to the unprecedented growth in the industrial base of the country's richness and power. I was part of the United States Senate's investigations^f that contributed much to the exposure of the abuses working-people had suffered and to an understanding of the need for radical changes for the nation's potentials to be realized. *At here*

By accident, as had happened before, ^v I developed a potentially significant lead for the solution of this the most costly crime in our history. ^{It was from a} by reaction to ^{my} appearance on a talk show. While I was still ~~broader~~ discussing the King assassination on Washington's ^{-TV (now a USA-TV)} WTOP (the producer, my friend Dave Simon, got a phone call for me, giving him a phone number for me to call when the show ended.

after the show I phoned and then visited the caller. I left with a ~~tape~~ ^{what amounts to} recording that amounts to a confession of contributory negligence ~~at the very least~~ by an employee of the State County and Municipal Workers of America. That distraught man had changed his ^{left that union (write?)} name and employment. I phoned the union's president, Terry Wurf, asking to see him so I could discuss this with him and locate this man. ^{respond?} He did not take the phone. Instead he referring my inquire to _____ Zwerdling, his general counsel. Zwerdling wrote telling me to go to the FBI. as I learned years later, he also sent a copy of my letter ^{his letter (and mine?)} to the FBI, which disclosed it to me in C.a.75-1996.

When we come to this the reader will be able to decide whether or not the union failed, whether or not it should have refused to see and talk to me, whether or not ^{replying me instead} sending my ~~of~~ letter to the FBI was reasonable and proper.

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To those who did not live through it it may be impossible to believe that men ^{then} were sentenced to long terms in jail for stealing a loaf of bread to ~~just~~ feed their starving children when a loaf of bread cost only seven cents, or for stealing a quart of milk that ^{then} cost only 12 cents ^{then}.

Contrasting to this as justice was meted out, there were shorter sentences, shorter by far, to those who pilfered their own banks. In one rural Kentucky county in which I lived and worked with the FBI and Department of Justice lawyers for several months in 1938 I knew a man whose father had ^{stolen from} robbed his own bank, served about two years in jail and emerged as a ¹ result of his crime one of that country's most prosperous citizens.

Although I was never unemployed when - went to college, which required 12 miles of hitchhiking each way in all ~~weather~~ weather ^(the bus cost 40 cents I could not spare when I had it) and had me frost-bitten several times,

I worked for as little as two dollars for a 14-hour day that began with my walking 20 blocks to get to work and more than 20 blocks going home ^{after 14 hours on my feet} because like other young men, I walked women home first, beginning at 10 o'clock at night because there were so many ^{hundreds} desperate men roaming the streets.

There were times I walked on newspaper and cardboard ^{over the hills in the soles of my shoes} because I did not have the single dollar it then cost to have shoes half-soled.

Compared to a multitude of others I was fortunate and well-off. Women who had no other way of getting food sold themselves ^{for a pittance} and men who had been wiped out and had no way of earning a living for their families jumped out of windows all over the country.

There was a remnant of this in Memphis in 1938 and that is why King was there.

Perhaps the most interesting of a number of such tips was a ^{man} caller who would not talk on the air when I was broadcasting from KIDW, in Jack London Square, Oakland, California, just before midnight on December 14, 1966. The caller, who did not ^want to identify himself because he had just started a business and feared official retaliation, told me that he had served in the Marines with ^{accused JFK assassin} Lee Harvey Oswald, had never been interviewed by the Office of Naval Intelligence or the FBI or the Warren Commission, and he told me that the Oswald I was describing from the official records was not like the real Lee Harvey Oswald with whom he had had serious discussions, ^{and him} with whom he shot pool and listened to classical music. He told me things about Oswald I was later able to confirm, including the fact that in the Marines he had what the Warren Commission did not learn and the Navy did not report to it, that Oswald had a very high security clearance.)

If Jerry Wurf was not aware of the FBI's virulent anti-unionism, reflecting that of its founding director, from its very first days under him, he was an idiot or worse. I knew people in the late 1930s who were fired by Hoover merely because they talked about organizing an employees union. If Zwerdling didn't, he was an incompetent and a fool.

King was in Memphis to be killed there only because he had gone there to support ^{striking local} Wurf's union of underpaid and discriminated-against ^{mainly} local ~~composed mainly~~ of black grabage collectors, the local and the union on which the FBI spied.

In Memphis, ^{through out the country} ~~and elsewhere~~, the FBI had a vast and entirely improper domestic-intelligence operation, visiting upon ~~its~~ citizens of all classes, not only blacks, the kinds of abuses unknown to most of them but similar to those that, when practised by King George, led to the American revolution and the creation of the world's first free and democratic society for most americans.

^{hiding} The FBI spied and as of the most recent of its records I have continued to spy on ~~the~~ perfectly legal and supposedly Constitutionally guaranteed and protected activities. ~~Its~~ domestic-intelligence activities were so uninhibited, so pervasive, it even bugged the offices of unions planning to send delegations to King's funeral and disseminated the fruit of this espionage. With all the nation's crime about which it did nothing at all, it assigned 15 special agents to observe a peaceful parade to honor King ten days (check and cite records) after his assassination.

Aside from its own symbol informers- spies -at least one of whom was in ^{atlanta} King's (headquart-
ers and close to King - he even ^{flew} ~~what~~ to Memphis the day King was killed and ~~immediately~~
checked in with the Memphis field office from the airport as soon as his plane landed -
(cite records from notes)-it was the beneficiary of the extensive, wrongful and reprehensi-
sible and oppressive domestic spying by the Memphis police. ^(note in next page below here)
^(correct)

If fact, the first person to reach the fallen King was Marrell ^(McCullough), ~~expatire~~
^{scritale small} the most effective and successful of this young army of spies.

So succedssful and pervasive was the FBI's domestic-intelligence spying its symbol informers included not fewer than three of the top officers of the major and most-
^{Memphis} respected of black organizations. although under the law it should not have disclosed

their names to me and it did fight hard in court to withhold names that it should have disclosed under the same law, it voluntarily did disclose their names to me in C.A.75-1996. *C1 here*

(This note belongs above: § 2 symbol informant"- the FBI refuses to use and detests "informant"- is one who has served a probationary ^r period of about six months and whose *and payment* hiring is then approved by FBIHQ. In all records that might be distributed, including inside the FBI, the informer's name is replaced by a symbol ~~XXXX~~ consisting of letters and a number. The symbol begins with the letters denoting the field office, ~~is~~ followed by an arbitrary number and then has a letter or ~~se~~ letters, "C" for criminal, ~~and~~ "S" for "security," really meaning ~~or~~ *with a "P" indication they are still political.* political, "R" for racial, etc. In records referring to information received from these spies even the symbol does not appear in the text. There is a separate sheet or sheets listing *and as usual* hidden sources who are *in the text* identified by other, also arbitrary symbols, like T1, T2, etc. On this sheet, which is removed where the record do goes to anyone from whom the FBI wants to withhold the informer identification, *it is included on distribution* (this sheet is removed and the informer is faceless.)

If one takes ^mMemphis as a fair sample of the FBI's nationwide spying on innocent Americans not even suspected of any crime, who have *violated* no laws and seek only to enjoy the rights supposedly guaranteed ^d by the Constitution, then there is no city-not even any jerkwater- whose citizens are immune from its permeating, all-penetrating spying on americans.

Its omnipresent oppressiveness lays on the nation *like* as a noxious fog. Many have been smothered by it, lives ruined and lost by it. It differs only *in* a degree - vastly but only in degree - from the detested abuses of the Gestapo and the KGB. (Hoover sent a Christmas card to at least ^t one Nazi, in Portugal, from an FBI record I have, but none to any KGB.) Some of the enormity of its spying on innocent americans, ranging from school children to preachers and including all segments of society, all classes, of the *of the records* minor portion disclosed to me is relevant and will follow.

Not without some knowledge of this, if not in fact part of it, Wurf remained aloof ~~and~~ uninterested and ~~non~~ unresponsive in any way when ^{the} I sought his help in ~~an~~

Later David Garrow did publish there names. While I do not criticize him for this and do believe that such things sh^yuld be brought to light, all three were respected and respectable leaders of the Memphis black community and may well have, as I believe they did, become FBI informers in order to try to give the FBI some rational understanding of black concerns and activities in a futile effort to inform it^{to}, give it the understanding its records reflect it neither had nor wanted to have. I therefore do not add to their embarrassment by using their names. *never.*

effort he and his hireling frustrated ~~in my efforts~~ to bring to light more about the murder of the man who was where he was when he was murdered, who could have been murdered there because he was there on behalf of ~~XXXXXX~~ Wurf's own union ^{and its} members.

What his pontificating stuffed-shirt, his self- and Wurf-demeaning flunkey did in this stilted letter to me and his informing for the FBI was to make them party to the FBI's steadfast refusal to investigate or even try to solve the terrible crime, the crime ^{because of} over which the inchoate rage over the assassination of the black messiah set the ~~the~~ crumbling hearts of major cities aflame for days, the skeletons of those torched structures remain a grim and silent reminder of these and so many other ^{abdications and} national failures. This refusal - this rigid ^{FBI} determination ^{not} to investigate - ~~bec~~ also becomes clear in what follows.

Wurf and Zwerdling were not alone in their indifference.

The warm, caring and deeply concerned man who phoned me had earlier, on his own behalf and that of his equally ~~zazug~~ warm, caring and deeply concerned wife, had earlier given a professionally-dubbed tape of the same emotional confession to the ^{and indifferent and uninterested} uncaring FBI, as they told me and as its own records, about which it did absolutely nothing at all, confirm. The FBI's own records, disclosed to me ^{only} under the court's compulsion, establish that it made no effort on its own or after Zwerdling ^{informal it,} sent it his letter to me to identify and locate and interview this former ~~SCW~~ SCMA employee who said he knew who was behind the King assassination - the King Hoover hated and castigated as the biggest liar in the country when ^{'s racism} King understated a comment about the FBI, a comment, by the way, confirmed by the FBI's records I have.

There were only a few SCMA employees ~~that~~ Wurf sent to Memphis and he was there to see and speak to ~~all of~~ them. ^{he} knew them. It would have been child's play for him to know immediately which this man was and whether or not what he said had any basis at all.

Whatever accounts ~~for~~ for it, he just didn't care. The FBI didn't give ~~any~~ damn and neither did he.

There were and are failures enough to go around. But not caring is not merely a failure. It amounts to complicity, to being an accessory after the fact, a crime.

Thanks to the FBI determined anti-Americanism, thanks to its diligence ~~in~~ in spying on Americans doing no more than seeking their rights, rights most American believe the FBI exists to protect its spying that included who ^{slept} ~~spelt~~ with whom, ~~who~~ what woman was allegedly carrying the baby of a man to whom she was not married, which relatives of those young blacks the ^{FBI} ~~FBI~~ did not like could be fired from public employment, which white parents of ~~sh-chj~~ ^{could have their business damaged} children trying to help blacks, which preachers, white as well as black, ~~also~~ tried to help improve the lot of the disinherited, the unemployed, the under-educated and the ~~marked~~ underfed - even those who believed in what the FBI regarded as ^{peace} ~~Un-American~~. I may have the name, from the FBI's records, of this man.

Of the names SCMA names in these FBI domestic-spying reports I have there is only one that I could not eliminate.

So, I hope that Joseph Paisley still lives, ^{and} ~~still~~ cares and will not ^{be} speak out in public. Telling the FBI would be ~~like~~ breaking wind into a ~~xxx~~ tornado.

We have become a nation of too few decent, caring and concerned David and Shirley Gaines and too many as indifferent to wrong and evil as Wurf and Zwerdling were, too many too much like the too many FBI SAs who avoided the obvious or misrepresented it or like SA _____ Todd, to whom David Gaines gave the FBI that dub of that tape, just didn't give a damn.

Were this not so, there would not have been any reason for me to write this book. ~~because~~ ^T there would have been nothing ~~to bring to light~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ suppressed or lied about to bring to light, so the country may know what it does not know about the assassination of that truly great American who so eloquently expressed his beautiful dream the FBI did not like and whose Nobel ^{prize} ~~prize~~ for peace the FBI tried to keep him from getting, the caring and loving man ^{it} ~~it~~ tried to intimidate into killing himself. at just the time his potential for leadership ~~was~~ had become greater than it had ever been.