

have been smeared and ridiculed by the major television networks and by all of the major national publications, including LIFE, TIME, LOOK, NEWSWEEK and Saturday Evening Post. Had organizations like Christian Crusade been heeded, our President would be alive today, because these organizations we exposed would have been forced, by the Federal Government, to close their operations.

### WHO IS TO BLAME?

Who is to blame for the death of the President of the United States? One Episcopal priest in New York City blamed it on "hate groups of the extreme left and right." This priest needs to be reminded that it was a representative of the left who killed the President of the United States and not a representative of the right.

Frankly, I do not understand why men like Richard Nixon and Earl Warren talk glibly about "hate groups being responsible for the death of the President." Since it was a communist who assassinated the President, why don't they come right out and say it was a communist who shot the President? Are they afraid of the word? Are they afraid to face reality? Are they so determined to ignore the facts that they will not be bothered with truth? We ask in vain, it seems, for the answer.

When General Walker and I began our nation-wide speaking tour this Spring, I determined that I was going to get these facts before the American people: (1) the communists were determined to abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities. They were joined in this project by representatives of the National Council of Churches operating in Washington, D. C. We exposed the fact that leaders of the National Council of Churches have been actively lobbying to abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities and should they fail in this, to at least cut back the appropriations for the Committee by Congress.

(2) On our tour I called upon the Justice Department to enforce the law of the land; that is, to arrest those communists who had refused to register as agents of the Soviet Union and put them on trial for treason. This is what the law of the land demands. Under the law, according to action by the United States Supreme Court, the Communist Party was supposed to register as agents of the Soviet Union by November 20, 1961. The officers of the Communist Party were supposed to register by December 1, 1961, and all the members of the Communist Party were supposed to register by December 20, 1961. Although their deadline ran out two years ago, the Justice Department made no arrests or individual indictments of Communist Party members across the country. In fact, on August 24, 1962, the Associated Press carried a report that "A Justice Department official said today no communists have registered with the department under the Internal Security Act of 1950. Thomas K. Hall, Executive Assistant in the Department's Internal Security Division, said only one or two requests for the registration forms had been received and even those may have been from curiosity collectors."

This led Texas Senator John Tower to address a letter to the Justice Department on February 26, 1962, in which he asked why the Department of Justice had failed to prosecute "known communists who did not register in compliance with the Subversive Activities Control Act of 1950."

If this law had been enforced by the Department of Justice, our President might still be alive today. Since there was

no doubt in anyone's mind that Lee Harvey Oswald was a communist, having lived in Russia, having renounced his American citizenship and having been arrested for communist activity later in the United States, he would have been arrested, tried, and by this time, jailed, and would not have been free to assassinate the President of the United States. So, then, the failure of government officials, whoever has the responsibility to enforce the law, is responsible, in part, for the death of the President of the United States.

The failure of American leaders in the realm of religion, politics and education to back the Federal Government's investigations into communism and actions against communism makes these leaders also to blame for the death of our President. The Federal Government cannot operate in any field where there is not public support. Investigations into communism and prosecution of communists have been discouraged by the leaders of the American community for the last ten years. Consequently, the door was left open for the enemy within to continue his sinister planning, including the assassination of the President of the United States.

### THE ATTEMPT TO SMEAR THE RIGHT WING

It is apparent from the very beginning, as I have said before, that several of the extremely liberal television commentators were going to try to indict the right wing or conservative element of the United States for the assassination of the President. I have mentioned Bill Ryan of NBC Television. I would also include in this category Edward P. Morgan of the ABC Television Network and Frank McGee of the NBC Television Network. It is hard to imagine a more biased and unfair trio of newsmen than these. Letters of protest should be sent to the television networks concerning the biased manner in which these men and others handled the news relative to the assassination of the President.

After watching the television coverage of this sad event from the time I returned to Tulsa until today, I must confess that the fairest presentation of the facts about the assassination was by Walter Cronkite of CBS News. It was apparent that he had no truck with Lee Harvey Oswald or any communist. He reported, as any good American would report, that Oswald was a leftist. He consistently pointed out that in no way could you blame any anti-communist conservative for this thing but that the blame must all lie at the door of the left-wing.

At this point I would like to quote from the Tulsa World of Monday, November 25, an editorial which said: "In the first few hours after the death of John F. Kennedy some strange thinking in our country was exposed to public view. The assassin's bullet had hardly been fired before some people were leaping to the conclusion that the finger on the trigger belonged to the 'radical right.' In far too many places the reaction was to the effect that those right-wing extremists in Dallas had struck again. It must have been almost a disappointment to these snap judgment accusers that the prime suspect turned out to be not a radical conservative but in fact a 'Fair Play for Castro' extremist on the left. When the news of the Dallas shooting was broadcast in Moscow the Russian people were informed, without any factual basis, that right-wing extremists were believed responsible. From the communists there was every reason to expect this kind of interpretation. News and propaganda are inseparable in the Kremlin. But, we have a right to expect a more reasoned reaction in the U.S.A. Many people disagreed with Mr. Kennedy's political philosophy and policies, as they had a right