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MAN OF CONTRADICTIONS**Oswald: Nobody With Delusions**

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WASHINGTON (AP)—The picture of Lee Harvey Oswald which emerges so far is that of a cry-baby, self-centered, undisciplined, half-educated, a mind too poor to understand what he read, and with delusions about himself.

When the facts are all in, he may look different. But this 24-year-old ex-Marine, assassinated after being charged with killing President John F. Kennedy, was a nobody who clearly wanted to be somebody.

It may turn out he was part of a conspiracy. But the information revealed up to this time indicates the exact opposite. He called himself a Marxist without seeming to understand a Marxist revolution is a job for an organization. Oswald was too undisciplined to be a good organization man.

HE BOASTED about the books he read but he never learned to spell well. He was dissatisfied with the American society but never learned how to do a job well enough to keep it so he could support himself in this society.

While he kept talking of a more perfect society, in this one he skipped out on his rent. He called himself pro-Castro and anti-Castro. He glorified Russia and wanted to write a book condemning it.

He complained about the hardships his mother suffered during the Depression, before he was born, but the evidence indicates that after he was able to go to work he contributed little or nothing to her support.

HE COMPLAINED to a family friend, a woman, he was out of work and his wife was expecting their second baby. The friend drove to New Orleans for the wife and first child, returned to her home in Dallas with them, and took care of them for weeks.

Oswald apparently never contributed a nickel to this woman friend of the family for the sup-

port of his wife and child and second baby—but, instead, went to Mexico to arrange a trip for himself to Europe.

His problem started early. In the very short time he and his mother lived in New York he became such a delinquent in school he was given a psychiatric examination. He was found to be "wild." Perhaps the delusions showed up then.

AT 17 HE QUIT school altogether to go into the Marines. He didn't do well under the discipline. He was court-martialed twice and was in constant conflict with other Marines.

He was given a special, hardship discharge a year earlier than his enlistment called for so he could go home and help

his mother who had been badly injured at her job.

Instead of staying with his mother to help, he got a job on a freighter and, unknown to his mother but with \$1,000 saved up from his Marine days, went to Russia.

IN MOSCOW HE called a news conference to announce he was defecting and wanted to become a Russian citizen. He called himself a Marxist, said he was the youngest in the United States.

This demonstrated, at least, that he had some delusions about his importance. The Russians seemed unimpressed, withheld citizenship, and gave him a job in a factory at Minsk. Two things happened: He got

married and became disillusioned with Russia. The idea of working the same job perhaps became too much for his undisciplined spirit. Or perhaps he felt frustrated being treated as just another worker.

THE FACT THAT he had to go to Russia to understand how it operated—that there was absolute discipline under the Communists and discipline meant work because the Communists dislike burns—is as good an insight as any into the poor quality of his mind and his stability.

He was allowed to return to this country by the American government after three years in Russia. Here he bounced around from job to job, never really competent in anything except the most menial jobs.

In the meantime he tried to call attention to himself as pro-Castro and anti-Castro. And he got into a television discussion on communism and Marxism and made a mess of himself.

LAST SEPTEMBER, he went to the Cuban consulate in Mexico City to get a visa to Cuba and Russia. When he was told it would take time he stormed out, slamming the door.

It's possible Oswald then felt rejected by both Russia and Cuba. This also is possible, if he is the man who killed Kennedy:

That he decided he would single-handedly show the Russian and Cuban Communists

how a revolutionist should act by killing the President.

HE NEVER seemed to understand this:

That the really effective revolutionists—like Lenin, Stalin, Khrushchev—did not act singly but as part of an organization. They knew successful revolutions are not the work of one man.

They looked upon the individual trying some crime on his own not as a revolutionary but as a romantic. And for a Communist there is nothing so deserving of contempt as a romantic.

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