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# DALY DIARY

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**DIGGING IN DEEP . . .** An Italian writer and former member of the Italian counterpart to our FBI has been doing his own investigation of the Kennedy assassination. His views, at variance with published reports, are the following:



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That Jack Ruby knew Lee Harvey Oswald and the Dallas policeman, J. D. Tippit; that Oswald was supposed to have been killed in the warehouse and because he got out unscathed the timetable was upset and he became a threat to the plotters' security.

That Tippit was not assigned to the police beat on which he discovered Oswald, and that Tippit's own beat was actually on the other side of town on Nov. 22; that Oswald had no fear when he was called over to the patrol car but panicked when Tippit got out of his car with a drawn gun, because Oswald then knew he had been double crossed.

That Oswald requested security in transfer from the police lockup to the city jail; that the gun scope was put on the gun at Klein's and sold as a unit; the scope was not put on by a Fort Worth gunsmith as claimed.

That meetings were held in January, February, and March by a militant group from Cuba who posed as dissatisfied exiles; that the rivalry between the FBI and secret service was well known to the Dallas police, and as a consequence they did not give either organization any pre-parade cooperation.

This Italian informant is convinced by his investigation that there was a plot and that the roots are very deep. He plans to cover the trial in February because he is convinced it is going to be mishandled in Ruby's favor.

**QUESTION . . .** Is there to be a shakeup in the Chicago police department? There is a rumor that a new chief of detectives will be named.

**LATE . . .** Look magazine's Dec. 17 issue carries an untimely article entitled, "JFK Could Lose," and it is all about elections.

**TOO MUCH DEPT. . .** Robert L. Green, the fashion editor of Playboy magazine, has been asked to sketch some designs for the uniform of the New York City police.

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**RIGHTS AND SCENES . . .** Mrs. Frank J. Lewis is making plans for her annual Christmas tea for new members of the Illinois Club for Catholic Women Sunday in Lewis Towers and also making plans to leave for her Palm Beach home the next day.

A writer for a national sports magazine scouting Wrigley field looking for "character" Bears fans and not having much luck. Most season-ticket holders are staid working people.

Party lovers eagerly searching for tickets for the Life [magazine] Goes to a Party [the Mannequins ball] in the Sarah Siddons Dec. 13 with Chicago's top models . . . but it's been sold out for almost 3 months.

**WELCOME TO . . .** Harry Sheer, former Daily News sports writer and former publicity director at Arlington-Washington Parks, who has joined CHICAGO'S AMERICAN. You'll like it here, Harry.

**TRAVEL TRAUMA . . .** The Vagabonds are some of the funniest and most talented performers we know, both on the Chez Paree stage and off, but they weren't laughing very much aboard a plane en route to Chicago. The plane's hydraulic fluid system wasn't registering, and it was supposed that the landing gear had locked. O'Hare was alerted, and fire trucks were standing by. Al Torre, one of the comedians, was sitting in another section of the plane at the time and the man next to him started pulling down all the shades, explaining, "If the plane catches fire I don't want to see it." Said Mr. T., "I got back to the boys in a hurry. I didn't want to be with that stranger." But the gear was cranked down, and it was a happy landing after all.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO . . .** The Mert Slibars [he's a publicist for the State of Israel bonds] on the birth of a son in Lutheran General hospital in Park Ridge.

**QUOTE OF THE DAY . . .** Carson's Christmas windows have revolving Christmas trees which open and close and have a mannequin inside. A little boy staring in awe suddenly gasped to his mother, "The tree just swallowed her up."

**INVITATION . . .** Latin American consulate members will be the guests of the Headline club Tuesday when Chicago Tribune reporter Jules Dubois is guest speaker in the Sheraton-Blackstone. Mr. D. just returned from Venezuela.

**ROMANCE? . . .** There may be a romance blooming between Judy [Miss Illinois] Schlieper and young lawyer Maurice [Morrie] W. Coburn, who is a Republican candidate for nomination for auditor of public accounts. The couple were spotted in the Pump Room recently, and Judy has promised to do volunteer work for his nomination.

**FINIS . . .** Filming of the movie, "The Night of the Iguana," has just about finished in Mexico without bloodshed. Ava Gardner heads for New York and then Spain, Deborah Kerr and husband Peter Viertel, go to Los Angeles, New York, and home to Switzerland; John Huston goes home to Ireland, Sue Lyon and her boy friend, Hampton Fancher III, return to Los Angeles; but Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton will stay on in Mexico in Casa Kimberly, the magnificent villa Burton recently purchased. The couple will stay until January, when he begins "Hamlet" rehearsals in New York.

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