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AMERICAN AUTHOR SUES SWISS POLICE

Claims Persecution Because His Book Hits Warren-Kennedy Report

by JOHN WICKS

Zurich police are in a quandary as a result of the activities of an American author, Joachim Joesten, who has just published a book which attempts to disprove the findings of the Warren Commission on the Kennedy assassination.

Joesten has announced he will sue the Swiss authorities for unlawful arrest by the Zurich police and the "theft" of documents which he says prove the claims of his book—namely, that Lee Oswald was not alone in the assassination—and that it was an organized crime backed by right groups in the United States.

Joesten was thrown out of Switzerland last week after his brush with the Zurich police and held his press conference in Frankfurt-on-Main.

His book, titled "The Truth About the Kennedy Murder" accuses President Lyndon Johnson of usurping the presidential seat because he allegedly covered up the real conspiracy against Kennedy.

Joesten's book is one of a series that have hit the bookstands on the Kennedy assassination—all purporting to reveal new facts which indicate that the Warren Commission did a slipshoddy and inadequate job on the investigation.

It is becoming obvious to many foreign observers that many of the facts were not allowed to be developed publicly.

The main charge of all these books seems to revolve around the haste with which the Commission was forced to issue its report.

Mark Lane, a firebrand New York attorney, who at one time was the lone voice in dissent and who was for a time attorney for Mrs. Oswald, the killer's mother, has published the most recent and most damning attack against the findings of the Commission.

His claim is that because of Johnson's pressure for a quick report the Commission dropped

and covered up numerous leads which would have led to a completely different report.

Joesten, in connection with the recent Swiss action, claims that on the weekend of August 6th he was arrested by police while on a Zurich visit.

He also maintains that the police placed him in a lunatic asylum for 24 hours and robbed him of irreplaceable documents pertaining to the Kennedy murder case.

Meantime, Zurich police have issued statements clashing on all points with Joesten's claims.

According to the police, a letter was received by them on August 2nd signed by Joesten and claiming that the writer had good reasons to believe that a crime was going to take place near a Volkswagen Minibus parked on the Zurich lakefront. They claim that the number was that of Joesten's own car in which he had camped since July 29th.

On August 5th Joesten turned up at a Zurich police station and asked for his vehicle. He said he wanted to sleep in it for the night.

When the police asked for details of the "crime" which was supposed to have taken place, Joesten was said to be "uncooperative."

Instead he complained about police Gestapo methods and refused to sign an evidence sheet on which the detective in charge released him with the promise to get him his Minibus the next day.

Police further claimed that a Zurich hotel called them to say that a guest was asking for police protection since he feared he would be murdered by CIA agents because of his criticism of the Warren Report.

They claim that they fetched Joesten from the hotel and took him to the Burghölzli Asylum because he "acted confusedly" and seemed incoherent.

He was released from the asylum the next day when his brother-in-law, a Munich profes-

sor, came to pick him up.

It was on the next day that he reported back to the police to accuse them of "sabotage" when the engine to his car would not start.

Swiss authorities turned Joesten out of the country and stamped his passport invalid for

any return to the country.

This is not done usually unless a letter is sent to the alien in question, giving him also the right of appeal.

It is the position of the Zurich police that the author feels persecuted and probably seeks publicity for his book.

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