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CIA Wants to Kill Me! -- Then  
He Went to Burghoelzli

Zurich Police Expose "Kennedy Exposer"

Zurich -- Was German-American JOACHIM JOESTEN (59) only promoting his soon-to-be released book, "The Truth about the Kennedy Murder," when he had himself taken into "protective custody" with fanfare by Zurich police last Saturday? Presumably because he was being chased and threatened by the American secret CIA for the "disclosure" in his book of the guilt shared by U. S. President JOHNSON in the Kennedy Murder?

Or has the noted journalist and author, who emigrated from Nazi Germany in 1933, become a potential case for confinement because of a persecution complex?

In any event, the strange experiences of JOACHIM JOESTEN in Limmatstadt, which frequently remind one of a spy thriller a la JAMES BOND, are reverberating throughout the publishing world, because what JOESTEN had to report about his stay in Zurich at first glance was really sensational.

Only the Zurich police, who play a main role in the JOESTEN thriller, reported an entirely different version of the events.

The U. S. journalist presented his views of the Zurich incident at a press conference in Frankfurt on Tuesday. He said he had to be placed in protective custody last Saturday, because he had been threatened by secret agents of the CIA. A short while before persons unknown to him had stolen some books from his auto. He assumed that they were

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looking for facts about his book, which suggests that the American Government maintain secrecy on the true facts of the murder in Dallas, because JOESTEN is of the opinion that OSWALD wasn't the only person involved in the murder of KENNEDY. He thinks that other conspirators, too, planned and effected the assassination.

When the frightened journalist finally was ready to leave the cell he entered at his own request, the Zurich police wouldn't release him. Instead of turning him loose again in "agent-ridden" Limmatstadt, the police had a doctor transfer him for examination to the asylum at Burghoelzli. Twenty-four hours later, according to JOESTEN, he was dismissed, but only through the intervention of his brother-in-law, Munich University Professor Dr. PHILIPP LERSCH.

So much for JOESTEN's story. Things sounded different at the special press conference called by the Zurich Police Department.

Police Chief Dr. WALTER HUBATKA stated frankly that the entire JOESTEN incident most likely was only a promotion stunt for his Kennedy book, which is to be published by a Zurich firm.

#### At Burghoelzli

He said further that on Saturday JOESTEN was transferred to Burghoelzli by order of the local police. Dr. HUBATKA knew nothing about the theft of books from the journalist's VW. In any event, JOESTEN hadn't filed any such report.

Dr. HUBATKA denied that JOESTEN had himself placed in "protective custody" since legal basis for the same was lacking. Rather, he was removed by police from a restaurant in Niederdorf and taken to the closest police station because he was demanding police protection in a vociferous manner.

Nevertheless, the "CIA victim" left the police with the impression of being so confused that they ordered a special doctor to check him over. After an examination and interview with JOESTEN, the doctor ordered JOESTEN's committal to Burghoelzli.

That the fearless fighter for "truth about the Kennedy murder" isn't lacking in imagination is borne out by the following statement made by him to an employer, Editor-in-Chief Dr. ROLF BIGLER: "The three Germany-based, U. S. Army deserters recently captured in Zurich ('Blick' has reported on this) actually were secret agents of the CIA, whose assignment it was to silence him in Zurich."

In the meantime Zurich immigration authorities served JOESTEN with a departure order. Monday he would have to leave Switzerland -- the agents' paradise.

A photo of JOESTEN is accompanied by the following text:

The alleged CIA victim, JOACHIM JOESTEN, wants to bring the "truth about the Kennedy murder" into the open in his soon-to-be-published book. JOESTEN, a noted political writer, is a regular and sometime contributor of numerous large newspapers, such as the Zurich "Weltwoche" and the Hamburg "Zeit." He was born in Cologne in 1907 and studied at the Universities of Cologne, Berlin, Breslau, Munich, Nancy and Madrid. JOESTEN emigrated in 1933 and became a U. S. citizen in 1948.