

Assassination 'First Shot' Of Revolution In U.S.

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There is an attempt to bring about a revolution in the U.S., and the first shot of this proposed revolution was the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, a witness for the Warren Commission, also a Cuban exile, stated in Lafayette yesterday.

Dr. Carlos Bringuier, now a resident of New Orleans and formerly a Havana attorney, addressed local Rotarians on the Garrison probe of the assassination and events pertinent to it.

"I believe that Oswald definitely killed Kennedy, possibly as part of a Communist plot," Bringuier said. "The Warren Commission's one mistake," he added, "was in assuming

immediately that Oswald alone killed Kennedy."

Bringuier further specified that, if the assassination was a plot, it was a Cuban Communist one. "Between the U.S. under Kennedy and Russia there was a 'cool off' situation," he said. "However, Kennedy had said he would return a free flag to Cuba, which Castro knew, so who had the most to gain by Kennedy's death?"

Knew Oswald

The speaker said he met Oswald in New Orleans prior to the assassination and knew him to be a pro-Castroite. At this time Bringuier debated Oswald on a television program there and Oswald admitted to being a Marxist. Bringuier said Oswald later stated, "I would like to kill Kennedy because he

exploited the colored people of the United States."

Bringuier then asked the press and residents of New Orleans to call for a full investigation of Oswald, three months before the assassination, but he went unheard.

Though he believes it was a group plot behind the assassination, a Communist one, "without proof, you can't make accusations," he said.

Likes Hoover

Concerning Garrison's charge that U.S. high officials were involved in the assassination, Bringuier said, "I have full confidence in the FBI and in J. Edgar Hoover, and I believe that anyone who calls him a liar is himself a liar."

He added, "The worst thing

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that the people of the U.S. could do now is to lose confidence in their government and officials. This is the only way the Communists could effect a revolution here."

Also, he cautioned against further riots in this country, saying, "If Communists are allowed to continue causing riots, people here will eventually suffer the same thing we in Cuba suffered, with this difference—you will have no other country to go to."

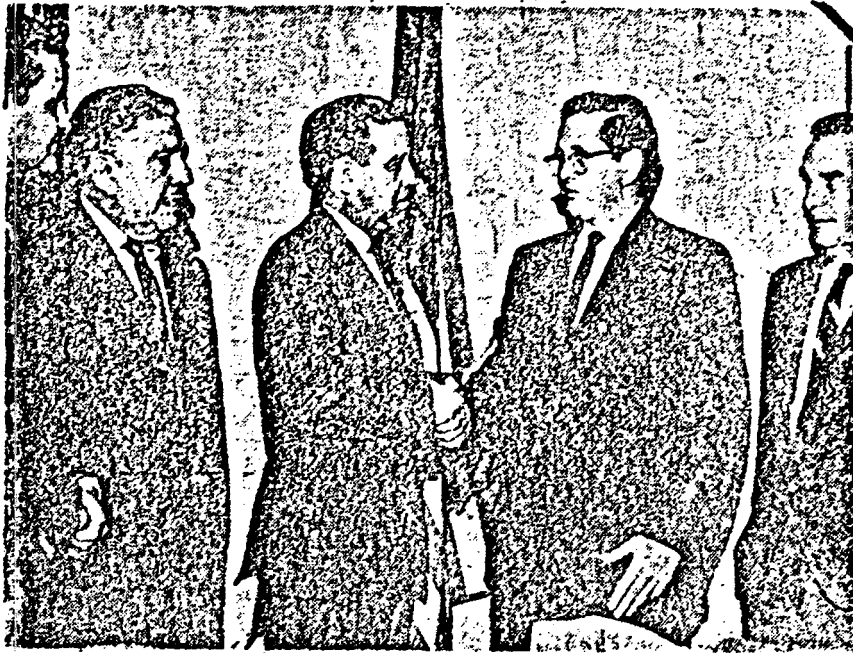
"Bringuier said Garrison asked him to work for him, but had explained politely that Oswald was an anti-Communist, not a Communist. 'I told him he was crazy,' he said.

Logic Debated

"Garrison tried to build up his point to me by saying 'anything possible,' but with this logic," you could say Oswald was from Mars."

Others hit in Bringuier's speech were: Jack S. Martin, a star witness of Garrison, whom he said, had threatened a Cuban friend of his in New Orleans; Mark Lane, author of the anti-Warren Commission, "Rush to Judgment," whose pieces, he said were published in Communist newspapers; Harold Wiesberg, author of three books, one of whom Bringuier contested in a libel suit; and Ben Smith, head of Eugene McCarthy's campaign, who, he said, is registered as a pro-Castroite.

Bringuier stated, "When I say these things, I may lose many things, but I would prefer to die fighting than to become a coward in the U.S. If I have to fight Communism in this country too, I will. I love this land."



CUBAN EXILE SPEAKS—Local Rotarians heard Dr. Carlos Bringuier, a Cuban exile now living in New Orleans and a witness before the Warren Commission yesterday as he discussed the Garrison probe of the Kennedy assassination. Talking after the meeting were (from left): Louis Dez Valle, another Cuban exile now living in Lafayette;

Joseph Chao, general manager of the Latin American Report published in New Orleans; Gerry Hamm, president of the Rotarians; Dr. Carlos Bringuier; and Americo Rosenberg, of San Juan, Puerto Rico. The Latin Americans were guests of Rotarian Bob Angers.

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