

**Communists Deny Oswald  
Is Associated With Party**

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NEW YORK, Nov. 23—The Communist party asserted today that President John F. Kennedy's assassination could only be the action of "a mentally deranged person" or "an enemy of democracy."

A statement issued here by the party said in part: "In view of the fact that attempts are being made to link the suspected assassin with the Communist party, we want to reiterate our complete condemnation of the dastardly assassination of President John F. Kennedy as a monstrous crime against the country.

"We categorically deny all insinuations or declarations by anybody that the suspect now arrested, Lee Harvey Oswald, has any association with the Communist party."