

Suspicious Voice That Much of Importance Is Still Not Known *SV 11/26*

LONDON, Nov. 26 (UPI)—

Newspapers in both the Communist and non-Communist world asked today about the "forest of question marks" left by the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and the murder of his accused killer, Lee Harvey Oswald.

The term was used by the newspaper Die Welt in Hamburg, West Germany, which said, "There is a feeling of shame that the law, which should explore the facts, was prevented from doing so. Political mists which also gathered should have been cleared. Now they thicken to poisonous clouds."

The Milan newspaper Corriere Lombardo said that the Italian army surplus rifle said to have been used by Oswald to kill the President could not fire three shots in such rapid succession. This showed, it said, that Oswald "was not alone."

"How was it possible that Oswald, who was alone, could fire three bullets if for each shot it takes at least 10 seconds, including reloading and aiming?" it asked.

It referred to a movie of the actual shooting and said it showed that "not more than five seconds elapsed from the moment Kennedy was shot and the moment his car sped away."

Dallas Police Criticized

Criticism of the Dallas police was general, particularly for the announcement that the investigation into the President's murder was closed with the death of Oswald. Newspapers voiced the suspicion that there remained much of importance still unknown in the case.

There was much speculation about a plot or an accomplice for Oswald. The Vienna newspaper Arbeiter-Zeitung carried the report, never confirmed, that Oswald had been seen in the night club owned by his killer, Jack Ruby, only three days before the President's death.

The London Daily Mail reported "whispers" that Oswald was "a tool who was used and then liquidated." London's Daily Sketch doubted that he could have carried out the killing without an accomplice and suggested that either right-wing extremists

or Communist nations had a hand in it.

Ever since Mr. Kennedy's assassination Friday, the Communist press has denied all knowledge of Oswald, who described himself as a Marxist and who once lived in Russia. It has blamed rightists from the start. Today's report in Pravda, the Soviet Communist party newspaper, was typical:

"Who wanted to get rid of Oswald? . . . There can be but one answer—it was done by the same people who had prepared and committed the heinous murder of the President. It was done by the same ultras who are now trying to shift the blame for the President's death on to American Communists and the members of the Fair Play for Cuba Organization."

Britain's Guardian said that jokes about Texans "will never again seem funny. The trouble with the image of the Texan is the six-shooter at the waist."

"Texans have often made, or implied, a boast of lawlessness," the newspaper said. "It cannot be wondered that, in such an atmosphere, potential assassins are tempted to make their madness come true."

In France, the Paris Jour also speculated that no sniper could have fired three bullets as Oswald is reported to have done with a nonautomatic rifle.

'Ruby's Character Suspicious'

Combat, another Paris paper, said, "The character of Oswald's killer invites suspicion. It is difficult to imagine this night club owner, with his police record, committing a chivalrous murder to avenge a widow and children."

"With or without foundation, suspicions inspired by the circumstances of this dark drama prejudice the good name of America," the Lisbon Diario Popular said.

"The killing of Oswald closed nothing except the main doorway, till then still open to the whole truth," said London's Daily Telegraph. "It opened the door to every sort of rumor and insinuation that evil men can invent to serve their own needs."

The Daily Mail said that "facts can be produced" to fit the theory that a racist plot was behind Mr. Kennedy's death—"the ease with which Oswald was picked up and the evidence against him made ready, his extraordinary end."

"But the whole thing," it went on, "can just as well be explained by sloppy security measures, and, above all, by familiarity with the wearing and use of firearms in Texas."