

CLUES TO OSWALD TRACED IN BOOKS

He Borrowed Library Texts on Kennedy, Communists and Huey Long Slaying

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NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 27—

Lee H. Oswald, accused assassin of President Kennedy, borrowed last summer a library book on the President, another on a political assassination and several critical of Communism.

The book on the political assassination was an account of the death of Huey Long, the Louisiana politician.

Oswald also checked out a number of science-fiction books and Ian Fleming spy mysteries and two books by Aldous Huxley.

The list offered a glimpse into the mind of the man accused by the Dallas police of having killed Mr. Kennedy in that city last Friday.

Oswald, who was shot dead on Sunday by a Dallas citizen while being taken from one jail to another, was a quiet man given to reading, acquaintances have recalled. He talked little to the people with whom he came in contact.

Rubber-Stamped Notation

When the book on Mr. Kennedy was examined today, it bore this rubber-stamped phrase on the flyleaf: "Fair Play for Cuba Committee, New Orleans, La."

In early August, Oswald announced he was the local organizer of the committee, which supports the Castro regime.

However, the committee has said he never represented it.

The book on President Kennedy was "Portrait of a President," by W. R. Manchester. Oswald's library card number, N8640, was entered on the book's card with the date June 15, 1963.

Oswald took out "The Huey Long Murder Case," by Hermann B. Deutsch, also on June 15.

The other books taken out by Oswald at the Napoleon branch of the New Orleans Public Library were these:

"The Berlin Wall," by Deane

and David Heller, checked out June 15.

"Portrait of a Revolutionary: Mao Tse-tung," by P. S. R. Payne, checked out June 5. (Instead of Oswald's library card number, this book's card contained the notation "L. H. Oswald," in pencil.)

"Soviet Potential: A Geo-

graphic Appraisal," by George B. Gressey, checked out July 1.

"What We Must Know About Communism," by Harry and Bonaro Overstreet, checked out July 1.

"Russia Under Khrushchev," by Alexander Werth, checked out July 24.

None of the books supports Communism or Marxism. Oswald described himself as a Marxist. He had visited the Soviet Union and married a Russian.

"Soviet Potential: A Geographic Appraisal" is a non-political text on the geographical resources of Russia. The other books on Communism are critical of the Soviet and Red Chinese doctrines.

Mr. Payne's biography of Mao is written from a popular and critical non-Communist viewpoint. The Overstreets' work on Communism is one of the most popular and best-selling texts designed to acquaint the general public with the dangers of Communism.

The work on the Berlin Wall is an exposé of the horrors and hardships inflicted by the East German Communists. Mr. Werth's book covers the Khrushchev era from the viewpoint of a Western observer who is critical but sympathetic to the post-Stalin changes in the Soviet Union.

Mr. Deutsch is a well-known Louisiana newspaperman. He was in the State Capitol on the night of Senator Long's assassination in 1935 and made an exhaustive investigation of the killing—the most spectacular political murder in the post World War I epoch in the United States until that of Mr. Kennedy.

Mr. Manchester's biography of Mr. Kennedy opens with Carl Sandburg's brooding words about Abraham Lincoln's assassination:

"Did any clairvoyant foreteller write a forecast that today this April the Fourteenth one man must hear a deep sea bell and a farewell gong and take a ride skyward swifter than Elijah in the chariot of fire?"

Mr. Payne introduces his biography of Mao with the declaration that the Chinese leader "represented a new kind of man; one of those who single-handedly construct whole civilizations."

"He spoke then [12 years ago] of bringing Communism to

China in perhaps two generations," the author wrote. "With bewildering speed he accomplished his purpose in 10 years. Today the long shadow of China falls over the entire world."

The Overstreets' introduction begins:

"A strange new force has entered our world, the strangest and most enigmatic in all history. Equipped with a formula and a strategy and starting in one of the most backward countries of Europe, it has in a brief 40 years taken control of one-third of the world's people and one-fourth of the world's territory."

The Fleming books checked

out by Oswald include "From Russia, With Love," "Moonraker," "Thunderball" and "Goldfinger." The Huxley books were "Brave New World" and "Ape and Essence."

Oswald also took out "Fridge Over the River Kwai," by Pierre Boulle, and "Ben Hur," by Lew Wallace.

Kennedy Was James Bond Fan

Ironically, Ian Fleming was one of President Kennedy's favorite authors. Mr. Kennedy was extremely fond "From Russia, With Love," a James Bond thriller dealing with the activities of Smersh, a fictional Russian assassination agency.

The branch librarian, Mrs. Ruth Lucas, said the branch, which is six blocks from an apartment Oswald rented last summer, contained only a few books on Cuba, a prime interest of the accused assassin. None of the books on Cuba examined today bore his card number.

The librarian, who examined the books at a reporter's request, pulled cards from a number of books on government and international politics before finding the volumes Oswald had borrowed.

Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation visited the library tonight and began a systematic check, removing the cards from pockets in hundreds of books.

An employe at the Napoleon library branch recalled today her meeting with Oswald last summer.

Mrs. Geraldine Vaucresson, assistant librarian, said she had issued the young man his library card around May 21. This was about ten days after he found an apartment at 4907 Magazine Street and started to work as a maintenance man at a local coffee warehouse.

"He came in to apply for a card," said Mrs. Vaucresson. "He had his wife and a little girl with him. His wife was pregnant at the time. He spoke to her in Russian."

The Oswalds' next-door neigh-

bor, Mrs. Jesse Garner, said today that when the family moved here in May, its belongings were transported in a station wagon from Texas driven by a woman.

The same station wagon and the same woman returned in late September when the family left, she said. Mrs. Garner said Oswald left without paying rent on the \$65-a-month apartment.