

RUSSIANS DWELL ON RIGHTIST PLOT

Most Commentators Insist
Ruby Was Part of It

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MOSCOW, Dec. 1.—Soviet commentators repeated their charge today that President Kennedy had been the victim of a rightist political plot involving many conspirators.

They said that Jack Ruby, Dallas night-club operator, had killed Lee H. Oswald, the accused assassin, to cover the tracks of the real culprit.

How, if not by connivance from high up, could Ruby possibly have penetrated the corridors of the police station? they kept asking.

The commentators may have in mind a curiously similar episode of Soviet history related to them two years ago by Premier Khrushchev.

At the 22nd Communist party congress, Mr. Khrushchev had this to say about the murder in 1934 of Sergie M. Kirov, an early Bolshevik leader:

Armed Man in Corridor

"The more deeply we study the materials relating to Kirov's death, the more questions arise. It is noteworthy that Kirov's assassin had previously twice been arrested by the Chekists [secret police] near the Smolny [Bolshevik party headquarters in Leningrad], and that weapons

had been found on him. But both times, upon someone's instructions, he had been released.

"And this man was in the Smolny, armed, in the very corridor along which Kirov usually passed. And, for some reason or other, it happened that at the moment of the murder, the chief of Kirov's bodyguard had fallen far behind Kirov, although his instructions forbade him to be so far away from the person he was guarding.

"The following fact also is very strange: When the chief of Kirov's bodyguard was being driven to the interrogation—and he was to have been questioned by Stalin, Molotov and Voroshilov—on the way, as the driver of the vehicle later said, an accident was deliberately staged by those who were to bring the chief of the bodyguard to the interrogation.

"They reported that the chief of the bodyguard had died in the accident, although actually he had been killed by the persons escorting him.

"Thus the man who guarded Kirov was killed, then those who had killed him were shot. This was apparently not an accident but a premeditated crime.

"Why was [the chief of Kirov's bodyguard] killed? Why were both these NKVD men who were escorting [him] later themselves shot? This means that someone had to have them killed in order to cover up all the traces."

The NKVD was a later version of the Russian secret police.