

PARTY LINE

# U.S. Reds Still Say Lee Oswald Had Help

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WASHINGTON — The Communist Party of the United States remains unconvinced that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Despite the unanimous finding of the Warren Commission, the party continues to describe Mr. Kennedy's death as "the unsolved assassination" in its official publication.

"This could not be the crime of one person," said

George Morris, a writer for The Worker, the party's semi-weekly newspaper.

"We believe there had to be others involved," Morris said.

Although Morris said he isn't speaking for the Communist Party, he was the person to whom this reporter was referred by party headquarters in New York City for an explanation of the party's official view of the assassination.

His view, which apparently reflects the party-line description of an "unsolved" assassination, is based on a premise that the Warren Commission made no effort to determine if Oswald had any accomplices.

"While the evidence was considerable as to Oswald's part in the assassination, there is no indication that he wasn't involved in a general plot," Morris said.

"The FBI report had already prejudiced the case and the Warren Commission went along without conducting an independent investigation."

Morris chose to ignore criticism of the FBI contained in the Warren Commission report. He prefers the view that the FBI dictated the commission's findings.

"The full story of the plotters of this crime was not told," Morris said.

"We refuse to believe that just on his own Jack Ruby would kill Oswald to avenge the President."

Although Oswald was an admitted Marxist who had defected to the Soviet Union, a statement issued by the Communist Party links Mr. Kennedy's assassination to "a mounting wave of terrorist acts" by "desperadoes of the ultra-right."