

## Drew Pearson As 'Uncle Tom'

In 1966 this editor wrote himself out of the Democratic Party. Today we print another editorial we never dreamed of writing. For many years we have read and admired the courageous works of Drew Pearson. Today we feel he has reached a journalistic low we cannot tolerate.

On March 3, 1967, Pearson wrote: "President Johnson sitting on a political H-bomb—an unconfirmed report that Senator Robert Kennedy (Dem.) of New York, may have approved an assassination plot which then possibly was set off against his late brother."

Does Pearson seriously believe this story? Or is he being used to do someone's bidding? Doubtful of the Warren Commission are being slandered for presenting hard evidence of a conspiracy. Pearson is printed across the land with "unconfirmed reports!"

Pearson further reported that after the Bay of Pigs, President Kennedy was unhappy with the CIA, and it was during this time the agency as quoted by Pearson: "...the CIA hatched a plot to knock off Castro. It would have been possible for this to reach the high levels it did—say the Kennedy brothers without being taken up with the younger Kennedy. Indeed, one source insists that Bobby—eager to avenge the Bay of Pigs fiasco—played a key role in the planning."

Does Pearson hate the Kennedys so much he would actually accuse the brothers of plotting an assassination? Please, Pearson, if you have any evidence—print it. If you must do the bidding of others, please tell us while you are still alive.

It is sad to see a once independent newsman have to bow to the demands of others and report rumors and unconfirmed reports of such a Cain and Abel nature.

What do they have on you, Drew?

Pearson further wrote: "Some sources consider Robert Kennedy's behavior after the assassination to be significant. He seemed to be tormented—they say, by more than a natural grief over the murder of his brother."

Surely the conscience of Drew Pearson must be causing him some grief after writing such a column. Stand up, Drew, you were once a great force for good in our country.