

Two-Way Radio Rednecks defend

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Ever since Jim Garrison began his investigation into The Assassination two years ago, there have been frequent attempts to use the media to discredit him.

During the summer of 1967, both NBC and CBS did documentaries on Garrison, in which they posed all the questions and gratuitously furnished all the answers. These programs were designed to reach, at least, a semi-literate audience.

Last Saturday, the low-brows had their day. Edgar Eugene Bradley was the guest of Marv Grey on his KABC telephone talk program. For three hours, Bradley and his host accomplished the rare feat of discussing Garrison, The Assassination, and a number of related issues without any reference to facts. It was not the first time Grey has accomplished this feat.

Edgar Eugene Bradley, in case you've forgotten, is the man whom Garrison indicted for conspiracy to murder president John F. Kennedy, but Governor Reagan of California refuses to extradite him.

Each time a listener called in on the telephone to criticize Bradley, Marv Grey, his voice rising, told the caller he had a big mouth. "You're shooting off your big mouth," he told them harshly. Those callers who were sympathetic to Bradley were treated more courteously.

One woman who said she admired Garrison was harshly attacked by Grey on the grounds that anyone who supports Garrison is not patriotic. Why? Because Garrison questioned the conduct of the government, and anyone who does that is unpatriotic: An interesting thesis, once expounded by Adolph Hitler.

"That man has pointed the finger at the CIA and the FBI, and our government!" Grey cried out, his voice rising with indignation. He has a voice not unlike that of Bugs Bunny.

"If you're innocent," someone asked, "why don't you go down to New Orleans and answer the charges?"

"I'm glad you asked that question," Bradley said, and proceeded to tell her that it cost money to go down there. (Actually, they pay your fare.) He did not mention, however, the fact that extradition is almost always

automatic when a district attorney from another state requests it, on a major felony.

"Why would they try to pin it on you?" Grey asked.

"Well," said Bradley, "there are certain individuals that have been trying to get Dr. MacIntyre off the air for years, and some locally who've been trying to get to me, thereby harming him." (Bradley works for Dr. Carl MacIntyre the radio preacher.)

What is all this building up to? Dig this:

"Finally, they found someone that just happened to be in Texas on the day of the assassination, and they found this out and knowing that I was in Texas, thinking that I was in Dallas but I was not, I was in El Paso, and I arrived there on the day of the assassination at twelve fifty-five p.m. and they knew I was in Texas and they thought, boy! this is an opportunity to really pin it on Bradley." (Um-hum.)

"Why would they link you with this assassination?" Grey obligingly asked.

"Well, some people would do

anything for publicity, for revenge...aaaah... anything to get even. And I would class some of those people in that category."

He further stated that it wasn't anybody's business if he had been in Dallas.

"He came up with a witness that said he had seen me at the New Orleans Airport, and the witness wouldn't give a day or even a month," Bradley stated.

(Actually, Max Gonzales, in an affidavit, said he had seen Bradley talking with David Ferrie on several different occasions at an airport in New Orleans between June 1st and Aug. 31st, 1963. Also, in the extradition papers, Garrison stated he had further evidence to prove that Bradley had conferred with others conspiring to murder President Kennedy. And Roger Craig swore that he positively saw Bradley on the steps of the Dallas Book Depository Building just after the assassination.)

Bradley said there were witnesses to prove he was in El Paso and not in Dallas at the time. He also offered as proof the fact that he still had bus tickets to El

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Paso. He also stated that Craig had been fired from the Dallas County Sheriff's Department, suggesting that he was a man not to be trusted or believed. He stated that Craig "...might be sincere in believing that he saw me... or else he is being paid to do so because a job was created for him by a firm that is financing Jim Garrison in his investigation."

"Who is financing him?" Grey asked innocently.

(Here it comes!)

"There are a number of people, Marv. As a matter of fact, two days before Garrison named me, he was at a firm in Santa Barbara, an income-tax-free organization who seem to be set on forming a one-world government and doing away with our constitution." (Aha! The sinister hand of Moscow!)

"The think tank where all the lefties hang out?" Gray rasped.

"That's the one. And that's where Garrison was just before he named me. At a secret meeting."

(Aha! A sinister secret meeting!)

Gray, a gifted humorist, came in with this little pearl of wit: "Maybe Bishop Pike communicated with the other world and got hold of President Kennedy and he put the finger on ya, hahaha..."

"Well, that's where Garrison was, just before he named my name," Bradley continued monotonously. (No doubt by now you've got the message. Sinister leftists bent on the destruction of our

American system!)

One woman called in and said Garrison couldn't have got this far with the thing if there were no evidence.

"There is no evidence, lady," Bradley countered angrily.

"Garrison is not a kook," the lady persisted.

"He is a kook!" Gray bristled. "He runs around with the kind of people who want Dick Gregory for President!"

"I'm just as patriotic as you," the lady said.

"Don't give me that!" Gray shouted, and proceeded to give her a thorough bullying. "Do you realize he has accused the CIA and the FBI of a huge conspiracy to conceal the truth from the American people, and leading them all, J. Edgar Hoover!"

The woman wilted. "I guess you're right, I'm with the FBI all the way..."

"What do you mean?" Gray shouted, still whipping her with the verbal beating. "Don't give me that!"

"I guess you're right," the woman said feebly. After he had disconnected her, he continued to insult her, referring to her as "that so-called lady..."

"Lady, open your mind!" Bradley joined in piously.

Then, Bradley proceeded to tell his listeners that the allegation that Kennedy was killed by right-wingers was communist propaganda straight from Moscow. "Besides," he said, "I'm not a right-winger. I'm just a person that believes in the constitutional principles that made this country the great country that it is. But Moscow and those who seem to follow

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that line of thinking immediately proceeded to place the blame elsewhere. Garrison admitted," he said, "that numerous calls have gone back and forth between Moscow and his office."

(People from all over the world, including Soviet journalists, have called Garrison asking for interviews about the investigation, which is hardly evidence that Garrison takes instructions from Moscow.)

Bradley said that while Garrison had a big political organization behind him, he, Bradley, had only a few good American Christian people praying for him.

"Why don't you go and answer the charges?" someone asked.

"If the enemy will go to the extent they have gone to to accuse an innocent man," Bradley continued, "they will go to any extent to make it stick." That, he said, was his reason for not going to New Orleans.

Another caller stated that Reagan's refusal to send Bradley to New Orleans was certainly not a vindication of the Warren Report nor of Bradley, since Reagan, he said, "is one of the worst right-wingers around."

"All right, big mouth," Gray cut in harshly, "you've just shown what a big mouth you are! And you've kept your big mouth open too long." With that, he hung up on the caller.

Then came a little surprise. Jack Ruby's sister JUST HAPPENED to call in on the program. She called Bradley a fine man, Garrison a cluck, and said that Reagan "knows what's right and wrong." "Something ought to be done about Garrison," she said. She too harped on the fact that Roger Craig had been fired from the Dallas Sheriff's Department.

(Actually, Craig was fired not for any malfeasance or abuse of office, but for his willingness to discuss the assassination with newsmen, after he had been told to keep his mouth shut. In fact, shortly before the assassination

Craig had been cited as the outstanding police officer of the year.)

Then, a timid-sounding housewife threw a bomb into the works: "How long after the assassination were you accused by Garrison?" she asked.

"I was accused December 20th, 1967..." Bradley replied.

"Did I hear you say you could prove you were not there by some bus tickets that you had?" she asked.

Bradley said he also had witnesses.

"But how come you kept the bus tickets that long after?"

"The Good Lord was with me," Bradley explained. He also said that it was necessary to keep them for his income tax returns, but when asked, didn't know how long they had to be kept. (It is also interesting to note that while Bradley submitted as evidence the bus tickets for the trip from El Paso to Anthony, Texas, on the afternoon of Nov. 22, 1963, he did not submit tickets for the crucial

alleged trip from Tulsa to El Paso, during which time, Garrison claims, Bradley was actually in Dallas.)