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THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY and the murder of the key suspect within 48 hours raised profound questions which have disturbed millions of people in our country and abroad. The assurances of the press notwithstanding, public opinion polls show that the questions persisted even after the issuance of the Warren Commission Report, which is the official and final word from the Government.

The American people have a right to retain their doubts, for a study of the Report reveals that the most vital questions about the assassination remain unanswered. How many shots were fired? In what sequence did they strike the President and Governor Connally? How was Oswald's description known and circula-

THE CITIZENS' COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY is an independent fact-finding body which has been conducting an investigation of the Kennedy assassination since March 1964. It is an organization that certainly can not rival the U.S. Government in the resources it is able to command for such a task. Yet the efforts of our investigation have brought to light information the Warren Commission was either unable or unwilling to reveal.

During one of Mark Lane's visits to Dallas, he was able to obtain a photostatic copy of the paraffin test administered to Oswald by the Dallas police. This document proved that false information about the test had been given out by the Dallas police and the FBI. Other investigators for the CCI secured information disputing the reliability of Helen Markham, the Commission's only eyewitness to the Tippit shooting who positively identified Oswald. It was later publicly conceded by Joseph Ball, the Commission counsel who conducted the questioning of Mrs. Markham, that he considered her "an utter screwball." Yet the Commission Report (p. 168) describes her testimony as "reliable."

ted by the Dallas police within 15 minutes of the assassination? Why did the Dallas Director of the FBI, Gordon Shanklin, give false information to the press about the results of Oswald's paraffin test? The answers to these questions are not to be found in the Warren Report.

An examination of the Report itself has caused many to wonder about the Commission's techniques. Why wasn't the alleged assassination rifle test-fired under conditions matching those under which Oswald is said to have fired it? Why didn't the Commission call key witnesses to the Tippit shooting? Why hasn't the Commission been able to produce one record of what Oswald told the Dallas Police, FBI, and Secret Service during 12 hours of interrogation?

The CCI is continuing its investigation in the belief that there is much more about the Kennedy assassination that can and must be brought to light. Tragic and violent acts that may have a bearing upon the events of November 22 continue to occur in Dallas with alarming frequency. In August, 1964, Teresa Norton, a stripper from Jack Ruby's club, was found shot to death in a Houston motel. A month later police found the strangled corpse of Jim Koethe, reporter for the Dallas Times-Herald and the first person to enter Ruby's apartment after the murder of Oswald.

Support for the Citizens' Committee work has come from laymen and scholars, lawyers, historians and writers; some are private individuals, some are of international renown. Doctors have offered professional opinion of the medical evidence; students have arranged meetings where these questions can be discussed.

The goal of the CCI is to continue to raise the thus-far unanswered questions about the assassination which are plaguing this nation in an endeavour to discover some intelligible answers.

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INCOME

The major portion of funds collected by the Citizens' Committee of Inquiry has come from committee-sponsored lectures and debates on the assassination.

In addition, all fees paid to Mark Lane by colleges, student groups and other organizations for lectures on the assassination were donated to the committee by Mr. Lane.

Individual donations made up the balance of the Committee's income. Most of the contributions were unsolicited, and were sent in by persons across the country who had heard of the Committee's work.

ACTIVITIES

April 6, public meeting - California Hall, S.F.
July 20-27, lectures by Mark Lane - Theatre 4, NYC
Aug. 11-24, " " " " - Gramercy Arts Theatre, NYC
Aug. 25-Oct. 3, " " " " - Jan Hus, NYC
Oct. 9, Belli-Lane debate, Masonic Hall, S.F.
Oct. 19, " " " " , Manhattan Center, NYC

Amherst College, Bennington College, Brandeis U., Brown U., Harvard U., U. of Massachusetts, U. of Rhode Island, Westfield State College, Williams College, Yale U., Bard College, Barnard College, Brooklyn College, City College of NY, Cornell U., Fairleigh Dickinson College, Hamilton College, Haverford College, Long Island U., Queens College, Rutgers Law School, State U. at Oneonta, Upsala College, Antioch College, U. of Chicago, U. of Cincinnati, Michigan State College, Oberlin College, U. of Michigan, Ohio State U., U. of Toledo, U. of Wisconsin, U. of Nevada, U. of Texas, U. of California (Berkeley), Stanford U., UCLA, Reed College, San Jose State College, McGill U.

EXPENSES

A large percentage of the committee's income has been spent directly on sending investigators to Dallas and equipping them for their work.

Additional funds going indirectly for the investigation have been spent from the New York office.

The second function of the Citizens' Committee has been to bring information in our possession about the assassination to the American people. While this has required initial outlays of funds, it has in the long run netted a large part of the money used to further the investigation in the Dallas area.

The maintenance of an office and its staff has been necessary for all phases of the Committee's work. Personnel have increased from one to three full-time workers as the Committee's activities have made this necessary.

PARTIAL ITEMIZATION

Travel, minimal living expenses, cameras and equipment, tape recorders and equipment, photostatic reproductions of articles and documents.

Complete newspaper and magazine file on assassination, duplicating equipment (Verifax and mimeo), recording tape, transcription, stenographers, photographic work, long distance telephone calls.

Rental of halls, theatres, etc. for lectures and debates; advertising; purchase of literature for distribution through the Citizens' Committee; mailings (postage, printing, mimeo, etc.); travel expenses of lecturers; photos and documents for the press.

Rent, electric, telephone, office supplies, personnel.

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