

view of these facts, it cannot be claimed that everything (or, indeed, *anything!*) was being arranged with scrupulous fairness to the suspect.

As for the witness, Mrs. Markham was hardly in a fit state to undertake the responsible task of identifying (or *not* identifying, as the case may be) the killer of Officer Tippit. Homicide Detective L. C. Graves, one of those officers organizing the line up, said that she was "quite hysterical" and "crying and upset" and "she was saying—what most hysterical women say—wringing her hands and talking about the shooting" (30) and there was even talk of her being sent to hospital.

In his testimony, Captain Fritz stated: "We were trying to get that showup as soon as we could because she was beginning to faint and getting sick. In fact, I had to leave the office and carry some ammonia across the hall, they were about to send her to the hospital or something and we needed that identification real quickly, and she got to feeling all right after using this ammonia." (31)

I doubt that the wheels of justice would have been slowed down too much if this lady had been given a few hours to compose herself. I cannot understand why Captain Fritz was in such a frantic rush to "get that showup as soon as we could."

According to the Warren Report, Mrs Markham "identified Oswald as the man who shot the policeman." (32) The Report also stated that "in testimony before the Commission, Mrs. Markham confirmed her positive identification of Lee Harvey Oswald as the man she saw kill Officer Tippit," (33)

Sylvia Meagher, in her book *Accessories After The Fact*, argued that the testimony of this alleged eyewitness to the shooting of Tippit by Oswald, "lacks any semblance of credibility". She also pointed out the little-known fact that at the Tippit murder scene, Mrs Markham "was in hysterics and somehow managed to leave her shoes on top of Tippit's car." (34) Several members of the Warren Commission staff have subsequently voiced their opinions of Mrs Markham's value as a witness. Assistant Counsel Liebeler has described her testimony as "contradictory and worthless" (35) whilst Assistant Counsel Joseph Ball described her as "an utter screwball." (36)

If a humble ex-British cop can rip so many holes in the actions and mental attitude of this so-called star witness, imagine what a smart defending attorney would have done in court.

Norman Redlich, another Warren Commission staff member, is quoted as saying: "The Commission wants to believe Mrs Markham and that's all there is to it." (37) I think this remark is very important, since Mrs Markham was the only witness who ever claimed to have actually *seen* Tippit being shot. Like it or not, the investigators were stuck with her. If she had announced that the Earth was flat, they would have been hard-pressed not to accept her statement as the truth.

What the Warren Commission witness was positive identification that she had recognized. Ball unashamedly asked: "Was there a he managed to get he I wasn't sure, but I fell over." (38)

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THE SECOND LINE-UP

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