

Frankhauser Reveals NSC, SWP,

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Nov. 19(IPS) — In a series of exclusive interviews with IPS over the past month, former National Security Council operative Roy Frankhauser has provided information which conclusively demonstrates that the National Security Council planned and coordinated the Nov. 1963 assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Frankhauser provided details of numerous assassination teams organized for the Kennedy and other operations by known agents of the CIA and FBI within groups ranging from the left-wing Socialist Workers Party (SWP) and the Communist Party (USA) to right-wing groups such as the para-military Minutemen.

Also included in the preparations for the assassination were Cuban exile groups (Gusanos), the American Nazi Party, and such top CIA agents as G. Gordon Liddy, Frank Sturgis, and E. Howard Hunt, the convicted Watergate burglar and close associate of William F. Buckley. In early 1963, Frankhauser told IPS, "the word came down to get Kennedy and agent-led teams began to spring up all over the place."

No other body than the NSC had the authority and capability to direct such broad forces. Among the men who headed the National Security Council at the time of the assassination were McGeorge Bundy, now president of the Ford Foundation, former Secretary of State Dean Rusk, Robert McNamara, now president of the World Bank, and former CIA director John McCone, now a board member of International Telephone and Telegraph. All are top members of the Rockefellers' policy-making establishment.

This article, focusing on the Kennedy assassination role of the SWP and the Minutemen, is the first in a series of planned articles which will present the full story of the NSC-CIA role in that

operation.

SWP Role

Frankhauser confirms that two agents within the SWP periphery, who also had close ties to the Communist Party USA, were a direct part of the Kennedy operation. Frankhauser met the two, Ruth and John Paine, in 1960, when he was infiltrating the SWP in New York as an agent for the Mississippi White Citizens Council and for then Mississippi Governor Patterson. Both Paines have been closely linked to Lee Harvey Oswald (who described himself as the "patsy" in the Kennedy killing moments before he was shot in the Dallas jail) by both the Warren Commission and by independent investigators of the assassination.

In the months preceding the assassination, the Paines lived with Marina and Lee Harvey Oswald in Dallas. It was Ruth Paine who constructed Oswald's "radical" cover. She was the one who drove Oswald to Mexico City so that he could be photographed by the CIA in front of the Soviet Embassy. She also took Oswald to New Orleans where together they opened a franchise of the SWP front, Fair Play for Cuba, with the approval of SWP national leaders.

In New York, the Paines had recruited Frankhauser to a secret paramilitary "leftist" organization after a number of casual meetings at SWP functions. They told Frankhauser that the group had three goals: 1) to break Martin Luther King out of jail should he be arrested; 2) to kill Alabama Sheriff "Bull" Connor, then a notorious opponent of integration; and 3) to assassinate President Eisenhower if revolution could not be fomented "legally." The Paines instructed Frankhauser to intensively study the SWP's paper, the Militant, in order "to learn the jargon of the left."

Actual military training for this group was conducted at Camp Midvale

in the Ramapo Mountains of northern New Jersey. At this time Midvale was a Communist Party USA-controlled camp. Although all of Frankhauser's reports on this operation were turned over by Governor Patterson's office to the FBI in Mississippi, no arrests were made.

It was during this same period that Frankhauser first met Oswald at an International Scientific Socialist meeting in New York to which he was taken by the Paines.

Frankhauser's second meeting with Oswald was at a CIA training camp near Lake Ponchartrain in Louisiana.

The Minutemen Case

Beginning in 1961, NSC agents launched an operation in the right-wing Minutemen — founded a year earlier to prepare for "guerilla warfare" against

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an expected communist takeover of the U.S. — which transformed the organization into a key NSC center for recruiting and coordinating the psychotic fringe of right-wing groups into a swarm of assassination teams, some of which were specifically selected and trained for the Kennedy assassination.

This takeover of the Minutemen was conducted under the auspices of FBI Operation COINTELPRO and CIA Operation Scorpio, and within a short time the entire Minutemen national executive committee was composed of agents — with the exception of the organization's founder Robert DePugh, who has remained a controlled dupe of the FBI ever since.

Frankhauser, at the time a CIA stringer, was himself deployed into the

Minutemen, eventually becoming East Coast director of intelligence and national counterintelligence director.

Among the key figures in the Minutemen side of the Kennedy assassination operation, Frankhauser said, was Ken Duggan, who was assistant director of Minutemen counterintelligence under Frankhauser. Also a CIA stringer, Duggan worked within the Buckley family network of Catholic fascist terrorists, recruiting Gusanos for the abortive Bay of Pigs invasion. Duggan also recruited and trained several teams in preparation for the Kennedy assassination.

Duggan, who later denounced the Buckleys, was murdered at New York's Rikers Island prison approximately a month ago. He was in prison as a result of a frame-up on attempted murder

charges brought by one George Wilkie, a protégé of leading members of the Buckleys' Conservative Party operation.

Also involved in profiling and selecting members of the Kennedy and other assassination teams were two agents active in the Connecticut Minutemen: Vincent De Palma and Eugene Tabbett. De Palma had been a leading CIA assassination expert in Latin America before being planted in the FBI. The FBI in turn deployed him into the Minutemen where he quickly became a national figure. Tabbett had worked for the FBI in the Klan Bureau of Intelligence before joining De Palma in Connecticut.

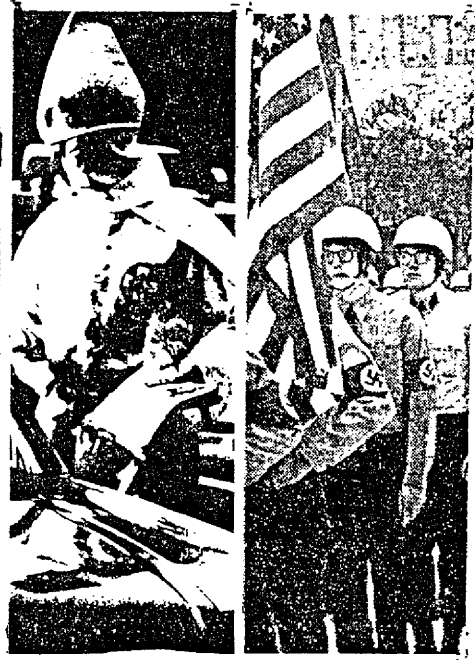
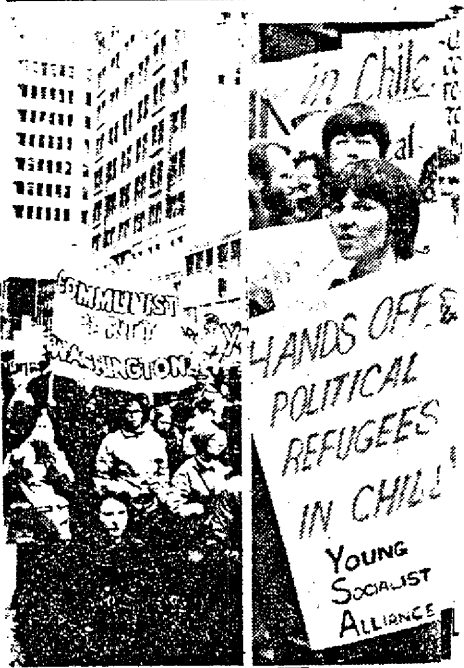
Among other operations of these right-wing assassination teams, two incidents became public: aborted attempts to assassinate Senator J. William Fulbright and to poison the United Nations headquarters in New York with cyanide.

Because of his intimate knowledge, Frankhauser has been a special target of brainwashing and assassination attempts.

His 1964 subpoena to testify before the Warren Commission was quashed by the FBI on "national security" grounds. At that time Frankhauser was threatened by two Reading, Pennsylvania-based FBI agents, Kaufman and Davis, who told him that "if you release information on the Paines or the Commission, you'll be in deep trouble with the FBI." One day before their visit, Frankhauser was almost struck by two bullets fired through the window of his Reading home.

Two weeks ago the Philadelphia Secret Service participated in an attempt to brainwash Frankhauser under the pretext of giving him a court ordered lie detector test. Three days ago, individuals driving a government car and carrying a carbine were observed waiting in front of Frankhauser's empty house.

Assassinated



Left countergangs: the agent infested and controlled Communist Party USA and its Socialist Workers Party

Right countergangs: the KKK and the Nazis. All four have been identified as alternative hit squads in the Kennedy assassination.