

JFK assassination case should be

(This is the last of three articles by Manchester architect Cutler dealing with a New Yorker magazine article by Edward J. Epstein, who defends the findings of the Warren Commission, which investigated the murder of President Kennedy. Cutler, a lecturer on the subject does not defend the Commission report. He has traveled to Dallas and New Orleans as part of his own investigation.)

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There has to be a simple answer to the inconsistencies of the Report; in the course of proving Shaw's guilt or innocence this answer, this explanation of 'why,' will surface.

The extent to which it is being protected is easily measured by any one of three hardsticks:

1. The five-month delay by the defense;
2. The 40-odd deaths, the last of which was RFK, which are attributable to knowledge running counter to political truth of the Report.

3. The consistently bad national press Garrison enjoys. Witness the EJE judaical.

In his final summation the author assures everyone that not only did he do the right thing in exposing the DA but no one need really worry any more because the Federal Courts are going to take care of him anyway by calling a halt to Shaw's prosecution and the demonologists will find that their demons will gradually fade away like old soldiers.

On this smug note of "I-told-you-so" EJE rests his case in the press.

Won Where Counts

July 24, just 11 days after the New Yorker hit the stands, the lead story in the New Orleans Times-Picayune, headlined "Court Won't Halt Shaw Prosecution," read in part.

"A special three-judge federal

court Tuesday refused to block District Attorney Jim Garrison's prosecution of Clay L. Shaw on a charge of conspiring to murder President John F. Kennedy."

Once more the DA, despite the weakness of his case, the bad press, the homos and the cons, has won where it counts; in court.

In April a change of venue request by the defense was defeated on appeal to the State Supreme Court, presumably on the logic that Shaw's best chance for a fair trial would be in his own home town of New Orleans.

This decision by the federal court has inspired Time, in its Aug. 2 issue to report objectively on how the ball is bouncing in New Orleans.

Where EJE assures the reader that no one should pay much heed to the DA's ranting and ravings, Time quietly mentions the fact that not all the evidence is abroad yet because the DA is trying to bring a man to trial and the best place for producing evidence is not in the public press but in the calm, incisive atmosphere of a court of law.

'Warren Report Hearsay'

These two events, following closely on the heels of the New Yorker publication of EJE's subjective writing, relegate it to the realm of personal narrative; fine enough for that field but scarcely adequate or appropriate for the investigation of a presidential assassination.

Accompanying the refusal to stop Garrison was another section of the federal court's decision which refused to issue a declaratory judgment holding the Warren Report valid and binding in the United States including the Criminal District Court (of New Orleans).

The first time Clay's defense attorneys tried to introduce the

Report as evidence Judge Edward Hagerty Jr. ruled "... The Warren Report is full of hearsay evidence' (Boston Herald Traveler, March 27, 1967.)

A truly fine testimonial for the chief justice whose name is forever associated with the answer to Executive Order 11130: "... examine the evidence developed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation . . . evaluate all the facts and circumstances surrounding such assassination."

Government by Murder

To those who know the Report and its volumes of hearings and exhibits, who understand the delays and roadblocks with which Garrison has been beset and who are disgusted with the film-flam and balderdash which are the ingredients of the whole messy picture of government by assassination, the EJE turncoat action discolors everything with a tint of demon-red.

Weasling out from under "Inquest", which was a penetrating analysis of the behind-the-scenes activities which produced the Report, EJE now sits firmly on the throne reserved for the biggest and bestest mugwump since 1884; unfortunately only a few of the New Yorker's legion of loyal readers will ever be cleansed of his wumpings.

Vista Vision Specs

Taking the big look with the vista-vision spectacles it seems to this writer that EJE has accomplished two things. First, he has proven himself to be one literary notch above others of his ilk who have produced monographs of like persuasion: "The Truth About The Assassination" by Charles Roberts, "The Warren Report And Its Critics" by Gavzer and Moody and "The Scavengers" by Lewis and Schiller.

Second, he has caused the Jelly Green Giant to sit back

re-opened

one giant step in his Sisyphean operation of the past 21 months.

However, the favorable court decision and time's nonsensational reporting of it have more than compensated for lost ground. With the foreground somewhat clearer, the background becomes less be-fogged and the future can be viewed with less bewilderment and despair than in the immediate past.

Pandora's Box

Whoever feels that Pandora's box presents too many problems with which to cope must now turn back and sit comfortably by their firesides with EJE and the New Yorker.

Those who cannot sit supinely by must implore the Congress to re-open the case, despite the outcome for Garrison. A full-scale investigation is required to re-write the Warren Commission's "political truth; that undiluted pap unashamedly served up to the world because of the greater interest of reassuring the people and protecting the nation-from what?

40 Deaths Connected?

Somewhere in this favored world a gang of conspirators is living as free men; free to wreak more evil on those who seek to eradicate the political truth, the false truth, the lie.

It is this gang, with a minimum of 20 and a maximum of more than 40 deaths attributable to the saving of their own dirty hides, which the DA in New Orleans is attempting to reach through his first giant step: the trial of Clay L. Shaw.

Should he continue to win where it counts, in court, perchance the gang may yet enjoy less comfortable accommodations than is their lot today.