

KENNEDY ASSASSINATION INQUIRY COMMITTEE

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To Our Concerned Friends:

Newsletter Number Two

Please note that the Committee, formerly known as the 1967 Citizens' Committee of Inquiry, will from now on be known as the KENNEDY ASSASSINATION INQUIRY COMMITTEE. Our new name is more explicit, and self-contained. All checks and mail should be addressed to the new name - our address stays the same.

Our name on our literature is not yet up-to-date, as in the case of the poster included with this newsletter. The poster appeared as an ad in the Village Voice on Nov. 22nd, and has been pasted up around New York City. We are enjoying a good response from it, and we intend to distribute it in other cities as well.

The purpose of this newsletter is twofold; to seek information, as well as to offer it. This month, we have a few things to ask of you. In general, of course, we are open to your suggestions, thoughts, and comments, and of course you are welcome to write a "letter to the editor". In specific, we are looking for workers in cities other than New York (naturally we still need New Yorkers!), people willing to organize local committees.

We are operating now as a national committee office, and we need local organizers and workers across the country. We want people to either work with us by forming a branch committee, or to work independently towards the same objective, as an associate committee. For those interested in either approach, please write us and we will begin a dialogue.

With most of these newsletters you will find a work card, for those of you who have not yet filled one out. Please do so, and if you already have, please pass it on to a friend. We can only accomplish our objective by putting aside our wishful thinking and all working together.

And now, to the offered information. In our last newsletter, we told you about "Accessories After the Fact: The Warren Commission, The Authorities & The Report", a new book by Sylvia Meagher. It's an excellent book, whether or not you have done previous reading on the assassination. It is published by Bobbs-Merrill at \$8.50, and it's 477 pages make it a marvellous Christmas gift for yourself, or a sceptical friend. Thanks to the Bookmarket, which recently gave an autograph party for Mrs. Meagher, we have copies available through the mail, some autographed, on a first-come, first-served basis. At the bottom of this newsletter you will find an order-coupon, on the opposite of which is a coupon for those of you who are not yet subscribers to this newsletter, or who would like to send a membership to a friend. Just fill out either/or both sides of this coupon and send it in promptly for your Christmas shopping!

From our last newsletter you will remember we planned to petition the audience at the Mort Sahl show, scheduled for Off-Broadway. According to the newspapers, Mr. Sahl disappeared at the last moment, later turning up in California. Better luck to all of us next time!

INCIDENTAL NEWS: Two teenagers from Bartlesville, Okla., visiting Fort Worth on the anniversary of the assassination, stole the granite headstone from the grave of Lee Harvey Oswald, and took it home with them. After negotiations with the police, the boys returned it. Perhaps they had heard of all the mismanaged and destroyed evidence in the case, and this was as close as they could get to doing their share? Or perhaps this is their way of saying Lee Harvey Oswald is alive and well in Argentina.

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NOT-SO INCIDENTAL NEWS: Another assassination witness was nearly added to the death roll recently. Roger D. Craig, a former Deputy Sheriff for Dallas County, was shot at on November 1st, just one week after talking to Jim Garrison in New Orleans. Fortunately for all of us, including Roger Craig, the shot only grazed his head, and he is all right. His testimony had conflicted with the findings of the Warren Commission.

For the fourth anniversary of the assassination, two major magazines did cover stories on it. Life magazine, in their issue dated Nov. 24th, had an article by Governor Connally entitled "Why Kennedy Went to Texas", plus a new series of photos of the assassination, taken by nine bystanders. And, the Saturday Evening Post, in their issue dated Dec. 2, ran an article called "The Cross Fire That Killed President Kennedy", based on a book by Josiah Thompson. The Post also editorialized that "there is no excuse for closing this case short of solution", and added that "we do not have a solution". It is interesting to note that both these magazines were firmly part of the Warren Commission Establishment at the time of the assassination, and both are now headed the opposite direction, as the wind blows the other way. And of course there is never a word of apology to the public for their earlier misdirection, nor even an acknowledgment that they once felt otherwise.

Which brings us back to our November newsletter, in which we mentioned the above book by Josiah Thompson, called "Six Seconds in Dallas". It is published by Bernard Geis Associates, and sells for \$8.95. The other issue of the month was "Oswald in New Orleans", by Harold Weisberg, a Canyon paperback selling for .95c. Two completely different books, covering completely different areas of the assassination, and both required reading for anyone looking at these two areas. Each is well worth the money, and we'll print an excerpt or two from them next issue, if we have the room. We will also print an order form for anyone who would care to order them from us; although we hope to have news of autograph parties for these gentlemen in our next issue.

1968 ACTIVITIES: During 1968, we will be sponsoring a series of round-table debates on the assassination, to be held here in New York City. This series will present a panel of critics of the Warren Report, who have reasonable disagreements, and different areas of the assassination will be discussed each week. Each evening will be devoted to one small area of the crime, so that it may be gone into in detail, and with sufficient time for questions from the audience. The first evening will be held in mid or late January, and will be announced first in this newsletter. Priority on tickets will go to our members, as our seating capacity will probably be limited.

We are also planning a series of group discussions for our members, where we can meet intimately to discuss areas of the assassination, hopefully with an expert on the area for discussion and moderating.

QUESTIONS OF THE MONTH: Very soon we will make a button available to you and your friends, which will express the question in our minds, or make a statement on how we feel. We welcome your suggestions. / Is there a landlord in the audience? We are looking for office space in Manhattan, and would greatly appreciate the assistance of anyone in real estate who might aid us. / We also need legal advice etc., and other business help. / Finally, does any group need a speaker? We are not yet prepared for this, but very shortly we will have a speakers bureau, and so we await your requests.

A final reminder for those who ask, as well as for those who think but say nothing. The KENNEDY ASSASSINATION INQUIRY COMMITTEE is not a political party, nor does it have a political color, but rather is the people of this country fighting together to maintain a democracy. We have a Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer, plus about twenty volunteers in New York, and we need more. We need your energy and funds - please join us. - Trent Gough, Chairman.

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