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They Shall Not Escape !

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The impact of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to refuse Clay Shaw's appeal for "sanctuary" will be momentous, even though the servile news media once again are on the soft pedal. The shock waves generated by that historic ruling will travel far and wide, and deep into the future. The year 2039 now is just around the corner. It will be a long, long year and before it has run its course, all the participants in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy will indeed be dead - mostly not from natural causes.

What is really so important about the brief order of Dec. 9 by which the Supreme Court affirmed a ruling of the U.S. District Court in New Orleans (see TL, Vol.I, No.1) denying Shaw's petition for an injunction to stop the prosecution is not that it opens the way for the much-delayed trial to take place at last. That is important, too, but another consideration is paramount.

For, what this order really does is to mark the final, irreparable destruction of the Warren Report. There is no need to underline the supreme historical irony of the Warren Court stepping so hard on the toes of the Warren Commission.

Nor is there any mistaking this true significance of the Supreme Court decision. In their appeal to the high bench, Shaw's lawyers had charged specifically that New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison "did not expect to obtain a valid conviction" but was using the case to provide "a judicial forum for his attacks on the Warren Commission." And they had explicitly asked the Supreme Court for a ruling to the effect that the Warren Report shall be considered "valid, accurate, binding and controlling upon all courts in the United States."

This was the real underlying purpose of the lawyers' move from the State's into federal jurisdiction. They hoped to obtain from the high court a solemn affirmation that the Warren Report, issued over the signature of the Chief Justice of the United States, was in effect equal to a Supreme Court decision and could not be challenged by a lower bench.

But even with Earl Warren still at the head of the Court, and Abe Fortas, LBJ's personal "fixer," conspicuous at his side, the Nine Men who guide jurisprudence in the United States could not bring themselves to commit the outrage that was expected of them. How, indeed, could they have subjected all courts in the nation to blind acceptance of a document based on a flagrantly non-judicial proceeding with all the odds on one side, with no adversary presentation of the case and no cross-examination, in short the antithesis of due process of law? To do so would have been tantamount to proclaiming to the face of the world that Justice has abdicated for good in the United States. It would also have made of the Supreme Court of the United States the laughing-stock of the world.

But the fate of the Usurper and of his henchmen was intimately tied to the issuance of just such a law-defying ruling by the Supreme Court. What does he care if truth is kicked around and justice slapped in the face in the sacred precincts of the High Court? To him and to his gang it was a matter of survival that the Warren Report be lifted to the pinnacle of inviolable authority, forever overruling all attempts to reopen the question of Kennedy's death in the courts.

That's why Lyndon B. Johnson fought so tenaciously to get his private lawyer and perennial fixer, Abe Fortas, into the seat of the Chief Justice before the Clay Shaw case would come up for decision. (Cf. TRUTH LETTER, Nos. 1, 2 and 3). With Fortas presiding and another all-out Johnson stooge, Homer Thornberry, sitting on the bench as Associate Justice, as it was planned, it would have been much easier to elevate the Warren Report ("the work of our great former Chief Justice etc.") to a pseudo-judicial position. America really has to thank Senator Robert Griffin for preventing this outrage from taking place.

Now that the chips are down and the Warren Report has been in effect declared invalid, inaccurate and not binding on any court - and that by the Warren Court itself - a train of events has been set in motion that must inevitably lead to the eventual unmasking and punishment of all the participants in the Kennedy Murder Fraud and all the accessories after the fact - including the entire Warren Commission.

Cold shivers must have run down the spines of all the big and little scoundrels (see partial list above) who conspired to shoot the President down in the streets of Dallas like a dog and then to cover up the crime by sacrificing a scapegoat, when this Supreme Court ruling was announced. Evidently LBJ and his cohorts had taken for granted that Earl Warren's own deep involvement in the case - as the No. 1 Accessory After the Fact - would make it impossible for his colleagues on the high bench to tear the Warren Report to pieces, as they did.

With no more legal loopholes left to crawl into, Clay Shaw's lawyers have practically only one more recourse left for further procrastination. They may appeal to the New Orleans court for more time to study the Supreme Court decision, or because their client is in poor health, or for God knows what other reason. If they can just gain a little time here and a little bit there, they might, with good luck, be able to hold off the redoubtable Garrison until he comes up for re-election in November of 1969, when he will certainly be opposed by all the massed forces of the Establishment. But even Garrison's defeat would not close the case.

Johnson, the CIA and the rest of the gang, still have two other options open to try and stave off ultimate disaster: either kill Garrison, which would be easy, but hardly effective, or kill Clay Shaw before he gets on the witness bench. (to be continued in No. 8 of TRUTH LETTER)

How They Played Down the Big News

Not only in America, but almost everywhere in the Western world, the news that Garrison had won another legal round - his most important so far - was either completely ignored by the press and the electronic media, or else accorded the barest possible minimum of attention. A British reader writes to TRUTH LETTER: "... the news on I.T.N.'s NEWS AT TEN tonight that the U.S. Supreme Court has given Garrison the 'go ahead' on the Clay Shaw trial. The B.B.C. kept 'mum' about the whole thing and even I.T.N.'s 'man in Washington' John Whale gave millions of viewers the impression that Garrison is wasting his time, quoting such 'anti-conspiracy fanatics' as Prof. A.L. Goodhart and 'turncoat' Epstein..."

How foolish they're all going to look, before 2039 is out, those "well-informed" newsmen, those ponderous pundits, not to forget such fatuous scholars as John Sparrow, A.L. Goodhart and John P. Roche! A riveder-ci, gentlemen, in 2040, which may be just a couple of years away.

What a Faker You Are, Mr. Huie!

An Open Letter to William Bradford Huie (continued from No. 6)

No doubt some black extremists may have looked upon Dr. Martin Luther King as an "Uncle Tom," but that's a long cry from wanting to do away with him. Besides, political assassinations cost money - a lot of it where prominent personalities like the brothers Kennedy and Dr. King are concerned - and America's Negroes are not precisely its bankrollers. It's people like H.L. Hunt, the Murchisons, the Southern landowners, Eastern bankers and California industrialists who hold the purse-strings and they almost invariably tend to be "conservatives" affiliated with the John Birch Society, the Minutemen, the Ku Klux Klan, the Barry Goldwater and George Wallace forces.

It is not just ridiculous, but an act of conspicuous bad faith for you to suggest that Dr. King was murdered by black fanatics and Communists in order to "trigger violent conflict between white and Negro citizens" and that the primary target of the Memphis shooting was the United States of America, rather than Dr. King.

How can you make such a preposterous statement after all you have found out from James Earl Ray himself in return for the \$30,000 you paid him for his confessions (practically all of which disappeared in the pockets of your good friend and go-between, lawyer Arthur J. Hanes Jr.)?

It was you who first brought to light the mysterious "Raoul" whom Ray met in Montreal, allegedly by chance, and who from that point on guided all his steps. And it was you who learned from Ray himself that he was always carrying around on his person a certain New Orleans telephone number, for use in any emergency. It doesn't take much perspicacity to realize that this number would bring Ray into immediate contact with the command center for the Dr. King operation. And you must certainly be aware of the sensational disclosures made by Louis Lomax of N.A.A.A. - and confirmed by the New Orleans press - of the hush-hush meeting held in that city on Dec. 17, 1967, between Ray (or rather, his alter ego, Eric Starvo Galt) and a certain wealthy New Orleans industrialist whom the FBI can't find because it isn't looking for him.

All of which adds up to a rare performance of intellectual dishonesty on your part, doubly shameful for one of your background, professional standing and resources. But it also gains you a unique distinction - that of having become the first Accessory-After-the-Fact in the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King!

Book Review

The Private Life of the Warren Commission

by Sylvia Meagher

(continued from TRUTH LETTER, No. 6, p. 4)

The volume * includes also the transcript of the first interrogation of Marina Oswald by the Secret Service (Nov. 24, 1963); and the complete text of the 'Liebeler Memorandum', dated Sept. 6, 1964 in which assistant counsel Wesley J. Liebeler assailed the chapter of the Warren Report which argues that Oswald was the lone assassin, charging that among various deficiencies parts of the chapter were 'simply dishonest.'

Critics of the Warren Commission had inferred from the Report itself and the Hearings and Exhibits that the investigation was a farce from beginning to end because the Commission assumed from the outset that Oswald was the assassin and doggedly manipulated and deformed any findings inimical to that conclusion. If corroboration is needed, the transcripts of the executive sessions provide it in rich profusion. Art cannot improve on life in this instance. The verbatim minutes of the Commission's closed meetings reveal the extent to which it was obsessed with public opinion and relations with the press, with an endless stream of procedural problems, and with its image and credibility - to the almost complete eclipse of the assassination.

Many startling plums are encased in the pudding of the transcripts. One is the Chairman's proposal to make silent partners of the AP and the UPI, to 'get a statement from them that would be of a confirmatory nature so far as our report is concerned... if they were satisfied, it would have a lot to do with... allaying rumors.' The AP's extraordinary labors on behalf of the Warren Report, after the critics' assault on it, and its widely syndicated article of June 1967, 'The Lingering Shadow,' now becomes more understandable.

Another significant revelation is the series of attempts by the then-Deputy Attorney-General, Nicholas deB. Katzenbach, to persuade the Commission to issue a public statement - as early as December 16, 1963, before a single witness had been heard - stating that there was no conspiracy. The Commission refused; and Gerald Ford was stirred into a monumental rage when, subsequently, there was a rash of press leaks to the effect that the Commission had concluded that a lone individual had committed the assassination.

Nor are the transcripts bereft of humor. Take, for example, Warren's capitulation to the other members: "If the rest of you want the subpoena power, that is perfectly all right with me, but I was thinking this, that if we have subpoena power, people are going to expect us to use it." (Perish forbid - that way, the truth might lie in wait) There are even moments of breathtaking candor, such as Senator Russell's remark about the CIA: "You've got more faith in them than I have. I think they'll doctor anything they hand us."

The transcripts throw a harsh light on the Commission, particularly on its Chairman, and do nothing to redeem its tattered reputation.

* Document addendum to the Warren Report (for details, see No. 6)

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Sirhan of the C.I.A.

Whenever a U.S. Government spokesman says, "There is no evidence" - the sickening phrase constantly used by the Warren Commission every time something important has to be hushed up - you can bet your life on the evidence being there.

As a matter of fact, the clear-cut refutation of the State Department's denial that Sirhan had ever left the United States after immigrating here was not long in coming. In its issue of June 17, the Evening Standard published another dispatch by Jon Kimche which began with these words:

"The Federal Bureau of Investigation at home and United States officials abroad have been active over the weekend in seeking to penetrate the sickening smoke screen which is settling on the Robert Kennedy assassination - especially over Sirhan Bishara Sirhan's immediate past."

Here Mr. Kimche, while well-informed, is being a bit naive in his appraisal of the facts, for he appears to suggest that the FBI and "United States officials abroad" were honestly endeavoring to penetrate a smoke screen put up by somebody else. But who would be in a position to put up a smoke screen so dense that it could "settle" on the Robert Kennedy assassination - if the Government really wanted to get at the truth? Who manufactured the smoke screen that settled five years ago over the John F. Kennedy assassination?

The smoke screen, in a figurative sense, is one of the hallmarks of the intelligence trade. It would be difficult to count the number of smoke screens which the CIA and the FBI have spread, separately or jointly, over the John F. Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King assassinations. The massive specimen that went up in the third of these murders, even before the victim had expired, was also the work of the CIA and had the full blessing of the FBI. But it is quite likely that the FBI and "United States officials abroad" - meaning of course the resident CIA agents and their subordinates in the regular diplomatic staff - were "active" seeking to track down and destroy all traces Sirhan might have left behind on his CIA missions in the Middle East.

The FBI's investigative tactics, supported abroad by the CIA, have long been familiar to independent minds. First comes the official version which is a 100% fraud - at any rate in all of the three murder cases we are here concerned with - and therefore has to be buttressed with a hundred false props. Therefore, all potential witnesses are carefully sought out, and even hunted down. Those who prove "cooperative" are milked for every bit of false testimony they are able to produce and they receive small favors in return. The "hostile" ones - invariably the ones who attempt to tell the truth - are threatened, browbeaten, shot at, imprisoned on trumped up charges or committed to mental institutions. The material evidence is treated on a similarly selective basis. What can be used to shore up the official fraud is "evidence;" what is inimical to it is discarded, tampered with or destroyed. The pattern seldom varies even in details.

To go back to Jon Kimche once more, he writes: "They (the FBI etc.) have been probing new information covering at least four foreign countries concerning Sirhan's movements. In doing so they are satisfied that Sirhan's

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