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"A Symbol of Law-Enforcement"

Even before his inauguration, President-elect Richard Nixon has put a dark blemish on his record by announcing that he would keep J. Edgar Hoover and Richard Helms in their respective posts. Surely Nixon cannot be either so stupid or so ill-informed as to ignore the role which these two arch-criminals have played in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. His certain knowledge of their active involvement in the coup d'etat of November 22, 1963, now makes Nixon another accessory-after-the-fact in the Crime of the Century, - as if there weren't enough of them already!

According to well-informed sources, the President-elect did have some doubts about the advisability of retaining Hoover as director of the FBI. But then "Congressional leaders" urged him to do so, at least for some time, because this police perennial had become, in the eyes of a large section of the public "a symbol of law enforcement."

What a laugh! What a despicable farce! The man who in each of the three monstrous crimes of the Johnson era - the assassination of the two Kennedys and the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King - did everything in his power to conceal the truth, to blur the tracks and to shield the real assassins "a symbol of law-enforcement!"

Hoover's overt complicity in the worst of these felonies, the cross-fire ambush of President Kennedy on Dealey Plaza, has been officially established on at least two different occasions. In the first place, there is the incontrovertible fact that the Miami Police Department on Nov. 9, 1963, formally warned Hoover - and Secret Service Chief James J. Rowley - that an attempt to kill Kennedy "from an office building, with a high-powered rifle" would be made and that it even named two persons, Klan leader Joseph Milteer and a top Klan official named Brown as two of the plotters involved. How the Miami police obtained this information, has been related in detail in TRUTH LETTER, Nov. 1, 1968. The tape recording of the telltale conversation between Milteer and police informer Willie Somersette in which the murder of President Kennedy was forecast with uncanny accuracy had been in Hoover's possession for two weeks before the plan was executed. This most incriminating fact has been officially confirmed by the MIAMI police. And the "symbol of law-enforcement" didn't lift a finger to prevent the plot from being carried out!

Worse still, when Milteer and Brown, after the assassination, were picked up for questioning by FBI agents who apparently were not in the know, Hoover ordered the two conspirators to be set free and helped them disappear.

If the disclosures about the Miami tapes, first made on February 7, 1967 + were a crushing blow to Hoover's supposed integrity - a blow

+ For further details, see my book OSWALD: THE TRUTH, pp. 348-352

the newsmakers did their best to soften by suppressing or distorting the news, as usual - the revelations made by District Attorney Jim Garrison at his New Orleans news conference on Dec. 26, 1967, absolutely clinch the case against J. Edgar Hoover.

Garrison disclosed on this occasion that on Nov. 17, 1963, a so-called TWX (inter-bureau) message was moved through FBI channels warning that an attempt to kill President Kennedy would be made at Dallas on Nov. 22nd. The grim irony of it was that this vitally important information, which included specific details about a "final|definitive meeting" the plotters had held the day the message was sent, had been procured by - Lee Harvey Oswald!

Oswald, who had been an FBI informer all along, Garrison explicitly stated, had been "feeding to the FBI all the information he was obtaining about the assassination plot." His final warning, the DA told the newsmen, went up all the way to J. Edgar Hoover. "What came down to President John Kennedy," Garrison added grimly, was something the reporters would have to judge for themselves. He made the point perfectly clear by pointing out that in spite of Oswald's urgent and specific warning the President was allowed to ride through Dallas without the protection of the bubble top on his limousine.

Can one possibly doubt that the FBI Chief, with five days at his disposal and the most precise inside information supplied to him by the pseudo-plotter Oswald was in a position to avert the danger that threatened the Chief Executive?

That Hoover nevertheless failed to take any protective action cannot be ascribed solely to incompetence or indolence; it is a clear-cut case of complicity. And his bad faith becomes conspicuous if one remembers how the local FBI agents, on direct orders from Hoover, helped "convict" Oswald - the one person who had done something to save the President's life - and then assisted the Dallas police in setting the scapegoat up for slaughter.

So much for the "symbol of law enforcement."

Nixon's retention of Richard Helms as director of the CIA is no less shocking in the light of the evidence produced against him by the Garrison investigation. Not only has the New Orleans District Attorney stated repeatedly that the dozen or so gunmen and their helpers who executed the Dealey Plaza ambush were guerrilla fighters recruited, trained and equipped by the CIA, but he has also pointed to Helms' personal guilt. Specifically, Garrison, in a TV interview in New Orleans, on May 21, 1967, had accused the CIA of "essentially criminal activities by making every possible effort to block our investigation." And then, without mincing his words, the DA had added: "And if the director of the CIA and the top officials of the CIA were in the jurisdiction of Louisiana, I would charge them without hesitation."

Isn't all that enough to warrant firing Hoover and Helms on the spot and putting them where they belong - behind bars?

They Shall Not Escape !

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Chances are that the CIA, in a last desperate attempt to stave off exposure and disaster, will do away with Clay Shaw, rather than with Jim Garrison. For it may be difficult to convince even the incurably gullible,

who in America are legion, that the courageous DA, who did so much to bring out the truth, picked the moment of his imminent triumph to commit suicide, die of a heart attack or fall victim to an accident. It would be much easier to make it appear that the principal defendant in the case had succumbed to two years of stress and strain, while he had actually been disposed of by his fellow-plotters.

Perhaps also Shaw now will simply forfeit bail (it is such a conveniently low amount, anyway) and take a trip to Mexico or Brazil. This would certainly be good for his health. At any rate, the situation now facing the conspirators is so desperate and so completely devoid of legal loopholes (all having been exhausted over the past two years) that extraordinary measures will have to be taken by them in order to avert disaster. That they will try everything conceivable, that they will not shy away from any dirty trick - such as a concerted smear campaign against Garrison, which appears to be already in the offing - to stop the trial, may be taken for granted.

But even so, they will not escape. To be sure, no initiative towards their undoing can be expected from Richard Nixon. There never was much of a chance that this pillar of the Establishment would do anything to help bring out the truth about the Three Assassinations and now his decision to continue Hoover and Helms in their posts has made it perfectly clear that he means to perpetuate the cover-up. Truth is definitely not going to be a "hallmark" of the Nixon Administration (as a spokesman for the incoming President has boasted), even though its lies may not be quite as big or as blatant as those of the Johnson regime.

However, the train of events set in motion by Garrison now has picked up such momentum that it can no longer be stopped by anything the conspirators may dream up. Whether or not Clay Shaw is ever tried, whether it takes one year or five, or even more, to bring all the participants in the Dallas coup d'état, from Johnson down to the last gunman, to justice, historic retribution is now on its way and will overcome all hurdles.

The day will come when a thoroughly aroused public opinion will force the hand of Richard Nixon (or of his successor). Willy-nilly, he will be pushed into the role of Avenger. And the big difference from the previously existing situation is this: Whereas it was for Johnson a matter of self-preservation to continue the cover-up at all costs, Nixon has no personal stake in this operation. Much as he may dislike "rocking the boat," the time will come when his own interest will dictate to him the pursuit of truth and justice - in the presidential assassination, anyway.

The plotters all know that this is going to happen - and they are scared to death even now. Each one of them also knows, deep down in his heart, that once the going gets rough, the higher-ups in the conspiracy will ruthlessly toss the small fry to the wolves in order to save their own skins. Yet it will all be to no avail. In the end, none of them will escape.

Why the Usurper Hankered After a Summit Meeting

Though it was crystal-clear from the start, to all concerned, that a last-minute "summit meeting" between the lame-woolf president of the United States and the European heads of State could serve no useful purpose whatsoever, Johnson for weeks doggedly pursued this goal. Unable to explain the phenomenon to themselves and to their readers, the pundits expressed

bewilderment and dismay at LBJ's insistence on so obviously preposterous an idea. They didn't bother to penetrate the mystery, even though its meaning is fairly obvious to the searching mind.

Johnson, it should be noted, was not eager for a meeting with all the topflight world leaders. He was not interested in seeing the Prime Minister of Britain or the Premiers of West Germany and Italy. But he was desperately anxious to meet with General De Gaulle (with whom he had been previously feuding throughout his tenure in the White House) and Soviet Premier Kosygin.

Why? Not for any reason of national interest, but out of purely selfish considerations. LBJ is aware - he could hardly be so dumb as not to have found out - that the French President holds the key to his future. The French intelligence Service long ago penetrated the CIA at the highest level (using some ravishing creatures to do the job) and found out exactly what happened at Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963, including Johnson's part in the conspiracy. Kosygin knows the truth, too, from other sources.

What Johnson was really after, then, was a promise - to be bought at any price he could still pay in the waning days of his power - that De Gaulle and Kosygin would never betray the "secret of Dallas." Both men turned him down contemptuously, indicating thereby that they will help in the ultimate and inevitable destruction of Lyndon B. Johnson. So, instead of to a last glorious summit meeting, the Usurper went off sniffing to Bethesda Naval Hospital, stricken with the French 'flu.

Scream - of - the - Week

"This FBI is the greatest organisation in the world. They're terrific." - Barbara Mackle's father.

So it was a put-up job, wasn't it? I thought so all along. It was high time for old man Hoover to ingratiate himself with that great friend of the Mackle family - President-elect Richard Nixon.

Now, really, Teddy Boy

In an address at Morgantown, West Va., Senator Edward Kennedy on Dec. 10, 1968, issued what the Washington Post, house organ of LBJ, called a "ringing defense of Attorney-General Ramsey Clark and his philosophy of law enforcement." Turning to the Usurper's chief legal aide, who was providentially present, the last survivor among the Kennedy brothers unbelievably told Clark: "The nation owes a debt of gratitude to President Johnson for choosing you and for standing behind you because you have brought the Justice Department to new heights."

There was a time when Teddy was doing a bit of private sleuthing into the death of his brother, President Kennedy. Then his plane was sabotaged and crashed. Ted survived, but his spine never did. Witness this sickening spectacle of the new head of the Kennedy clan heaping fulsome praise on the Usurper and the Chief Defender of the Warren Report ("I believe... I believe... I believe"), the man who brought the Justice Department to "new heights" by instantly proclaiming, after each of the three great assassinations, that there was "no conspiracy." I used to think that Barbara Garrison was a bit unfair to Teddy by presenting him in Macbird! as a complete nitwit. Now I feel that she wildly overestimated the Senator from Mass.

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Sirhan of the C.I.A.

constitutional rights for a fair trial will not be jeopardized.

"On the contrary, it is thought that timely action and revelation may protect his life more effectively than formalistic silence -especially if Sirhan shows any inclination to talk freely."

What is Mr. Kimche driving at here? He tells us the FBI and US officials abroad have been probing Sirhan's movements through "at least four foreign countries" - while the State Department emphatically denies that he has been abroad at all! - and then seems to suggest that this was done in order to protect Sirhan's constitutional rights to talk freely at his trial.

This is absurd, of course. Either the British newsman himself doesn't quite understand the significance of the sensational information he has dug up in the Middle East, or else he was prevented by his editors from telling all he knows. For, if the FBI and the "US officials abroad" were honestly concerned with truth being established and justice done, why would the Government be so anxious to suppress the basic fact that Sirhan was traveling extensively abroad for years while he is supposed to have been in the United States? And why haven't the American people be allowed to catch even a glimpse of what the FBI is supposed to have found out about Sirhan's movements abroad?

"New information which has reached the U.S. Government," Mr. Kimche rather cryptically winds up this dispatch in the Evening Standard, "claims to give details of Sirhan's journey to Syria in 1964, the time he went, where he went, how he went and what he did."

One month went by before a third dispatch by Jon Kimche in the Evening Standard of July 18, 1968, threw additional light on the matter and brought the diffuse picture into focus - relatively speaking, anyway. The article began with these words:

"Curious moves have taken place before the trial of Robert Kennedy's alleged assassin starts in Los Angeles tomorrow. Extracts from Sirhan Bishara Sirhan's diaries have been circulated to interested and important politicians and others. Apparently their aim is to show that the young man was mentally unbalanced and not responsible for his action. This is indicated, it is claimed, by names of other prominent American statesmen who were listed in the diary for assassination after Kennedy.

"A closer inspection, however, shows that these were all men directly involved in Middle East politics and accused by the Arab spokesmen of being pro-Israel."

Here the insidious manipulation of the evidence (or what purports to be evidence) is exposed in the raw, just as it had previously been, in uncounted instances, in the assassination of President Kennedy.

Who showed extracts from Sirhan's diaries around to "interested and important politicians and others?" Who would have been in a position to do so, since the diaries had been immediately impounded after the shooting of Senator Kennedy? Who was most interested in thus establishing the "anti-Zionist" motive of the killer, implausible as it was on the face of it,

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