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EDITORIAL: Well, at least Richard Nixon is not a murderer.

The Obfuscators

The CIA, thanks to the dilatory tactics, on all fronts, of its horde of high-priced shysters, now has manoeuvred itself into an uncomfortable position. At the very moment its chief accomplice and protector in the two Kennedy and Dr. King assassinations is forced to bow out of the picture, the criminal government agency finds itself confronted by three interlocking trials, each of which holds grave risks of exposure.

Under present schedules, the proceedings against Sirhan B. Sirhan in Los Angeles are bound to overlap to a large extent with the trial of Clay Shaw in New Orleans and early in March both of them, or at least the latter, will coincide with the James Earl Ray trial in Memphis - unless, of course, some further delays are granted by the courts in one or the other of these cases.

In the most important of these trials, that of Clay Shaw, the CIA itself sits in the dock to all practical purposes. District Attorney Jim Garrison is determined to bring out the fact, and to prove it in court, that President John F. Kennedy was murdered by a CIA commando and that all principal figures in this assassination from Lee H. Oswald, Jack Ruby and David Ferrie (all dead) to Clay Shaw and his co-defendant E.E. Bradley (whose extradition has been refused by Gov. Ronald Reagan of California) were connected with the CIA, along with a score of lesser figures in the case.

No such candor is to be expected in Los Angeles, where maximum precautions are in effect, not so much to keep the defendant out of harm's way, but to keep the truth from making even a timid appearance in the courtroom. A smokescreen thicker than any smog Los Angeles has ever seen has been put up through the combined efforts of the prosecution, the defense and the court to prevent the outside world from getting so much as a peep at the true motivation and the background of the second Kennedy assassination.

Why? Because Sirhan is a veteran CIA operative - as has already been documented, and will be further documented, in these pages* and that he was hired and paid by the criminal agency to remove a potentially dangerous candidate from the threshold of the presidency.

So you see, "national security" once again is at stake. In the name of the phoniest kind of patriotism - one that condones presidential murder, but frowns upon those who seek to restore legality and justice - the arrangers of the Sirhan trial are determined to keep these essential facts completely out of the proceedings.

* see also p. 5

A foretaste of things to come is provided by the announcement that Sirhan's lawyers, during the jury selection process, will want to question prospective jurors behind closed doors in "sensitive areas." What "sensitive areas" could there exist in the case, if Sirhan were what he pretends to be - just an excitable Arab nationalist with a grudge against Israel? Questions concerning possible bias for reasons of race or religion are always put to the jurors in open court. When the doors are closed, it's a sure sign that "national security" is endangered. What the lawyers want to find out in the secrecy of the Judge's chambers is, of course, whether any prospective juror might have heard that Sirhan was an undercover agent and that he had been commissioned by the CIA to do away with the presidential candidate. Ask such a question in open court and - God forbid!

The exclusion of Mrs. Ethel Kennedy, normally the No. 1 witness in the case, from the roster of about 200 witnesses to be called by the prosecution, points in the same direction. The explanation offered by the State - that it already has enough witnesses and wants to spare Mrs. Kennedy's feelings is a transparent pretext - on a level with Ruby's concern about Jackie Kennedy having to go back to Dallas for the Oswald trial! The plain fact of the matter is that Mrs. Ethel Kennedy would be the person most qualified to help explore the reasons why her husband was killed - and that's the last thing any of the arrangers of the Sirhan trial wants to touch. CUI BONO, the question of motive and gain, is anathema in the case of the Robert Kennedy murder as in that of his brother - and for the same reason. The CIA, which manipulates this trial from behind the scenes, will see to it that motivation remains firmly excluded from the proceedings.

In the James Earl Ray trial, the CIA is only marginally involved, but it has a high stake in keeping the name and identity of the real slayer of Dr. King out of the proceedings. While the CIA, in contrast to the two Kennedy assassinations, was not the driving force in the King murder, the criminal agency would be greatly embarrassed if the name of the real killer came to light. For, though he operated on his own in this case - or rather, on behalf of different taskmasters - Dr. King's murderer also happens to be one of the assassins of President Kennedy. That's why his anonymity must be preserved at all costs and it will be. So Ray, who was just a decoy, must take the rap and pay the price. Overtures have already been made to him, falsely to plead guilty and, in return, be let off leniently. That would save a lot of embarrassment all around and allow things to be properly hushed up.

The newsmakers, as always, stand ready to do their bit in the obfuscation of truth. They have their marching orders and will be toeing the line with tested unanimity. The leitmotiv of their command performance is: a maximum of publicity for the two rigged trials (Los Angeles and Memphis) and a minimum of attention to be paid to the lone honest one (New Orleans) - if the latter is ever allowed to take place at all. Already uncounted reams of obfuscatory copy have been spewed out by the press associations about the marvelous, unparalleled, absolutely foolproof security precautions that have been taken by the sheriffs of Los Angeles and Memphis to prevent "another Dallas." All the trivia are played up, all the essentials played down. Not one of these great reporters who today are haunting the Sirhan courtroom and who tomorrow will crowd in and around the one reserved for the James Earl Ray judicial farce, not one of the distinguished pundits in New York and Washington editorial rooms, will take time out to ask that simple little question: WHY? It, and the companion query "Who benefited?" are taboo at the L.A. and Memphis show trials. And if they are asked in New Orleans, the answer of the press will be silence.

Under that heading, Sylvia Meagher has written a letter taking issue with a number of statements made in TRUTH LETTER. While I shall be delighted to reproduce her comments integrally - and answer them - space does not allow to do so in a single issue. For a starter, let me quote what is really the end of Mrs. Meagher's letter, because I consider it the most significant part of it:

"A final comment, with respect to the criticism of William Bradford Huie in recent issues of the Truth Letter.* I fully understand why Mr. Joesten inferred from Mr. Huie's LOOK articles on James Earl Ray that Huie was engaged in a sinister attempt to divert suspicion in the assassination of Martin Luther King to the 'Communist conspiracy' and/or Black militants. That was my own impression when I read the second LOOK article. But a few days later, Huie said during an interview on the Barry Gray program on WMCA radio in New York, explicitly and unequivocally, that it was the right-wing, and not advocates of black power or leftists, to whom the evidence pointed and toward which his suspicion was impelled as a result of his investigations. If so, it is most unfortunate that his LOOK pieces created an entirely different impression."

This makes matters worse for Huie, really. If he tells Barry Gray, a well-known liberal, one thing and publishes in a mass circulation magazine a diametrically opposed view, Huie, in my eyes, stands self-convicted of utter duplicity and intellectual dishonesty. For there is absolutely no way of reconciling the conclusion of his second LOOK article with his statement to Barry Gray. The only way Huie could redeem himself would be to disavow the last lines of his second article. That, of course, would be tantamount to charging LOOK editors with deliberate fakery (I certainly wouldn't put it past them). But I doubt that Mr. Huie would want to sever such a lucrative connection. So I guess he'll eat his broadcast words if called upon the carpet at LOOK headquarters. (to be continued in the next issue)

New Book Exposes Government Malfeasance

Three upright Americans have joined forces to write a new, and very well-documented exposé of the incredible malfeasance the Johnson regime has been guilty of in its sham "investigation" of the John F. Kennedy murder. They are: Vincent J. Salandria, the noted Philadelphia lawyer, whose principal contribution to the search for the truth so far has been the irrefutable demonstration - by means of two slide projectors and superimposing Frame 316 of the Zapruder Film over Frame 313 - that President Kennedy's body was sharply thrust backward and to the left by the impact of the bullet that shattered his head, which means of course that the shot came from the front and right, not from the Texas School Book Depository; Thomas Katen, a professor at the Community College of Philadelphia; and Gary Schoener, a graduate assistant and Ph.D. candidate in clinical psychology at the Medical School, Dept. of Psychiatry and Neurology, Minneapolis, Minn.

Despite its scholarly nature, this book is not primarily a critique of the Warren Report, but a close study of the Government's deliberate mishandling of the evidence immediately available at Dallas; it contains many new disclosures of outstanding interest. TRUTH LETTER is privileged to print in forthcoming issues a number of excerpts from this book which will be published by the "Midlothian Mirror," the small Texas paper edited by Penn Jones Jr. which has long been in the forefront of the battle for the truth.

* Cf. Nos. 6 and 7 of TRUTH LETTER

An Englishman's Assent

People in many countries have been aroused by my exposure of the shameless Kennedy Murder Fraud - especially in England, where most of my eight books on the subject have been published. - and quite a few of them are eager to help in the pursuit of truth. A resident of Lymington, Hants., has sent in the following contribution which because of its length again has to be broken down into successive instalments:

MRS. KENNEDY'S TESTIMONY VERSUS THE LONE ASSASSIN STORY

by Michael Masterman

THE EXPERT'S TESTIMONY

The Warren Report includes the following testimony of F.B.I. Agent Lyndal L. Shaneyfelt:

"It is probable that the President was not shot before frame 210, since it is unlikely that the assassin would deliberately have shot at him with a view obstructed by the oak tree when he was about to have a clear opportunity. It is also doubtful that even the most proficient marksman would have hit him through the oak tree."

Taking into consideration the windy conditions that prevailed in Dallas that day and the movement of the branches and foliage of the oak tree, I completely agree with Agent Shaneyfelt, a shot from the sixth floor of the T.S.B.D. building was not possible before frame 210, but what if it can be proved that Kennedy was shot before frame 210? One could only arrive at the logical conclusion that the shot did not come from the T.S.B.D. and, therefore, that Oswald was not the lone assassin.

MRS. KENNEDY'S TESTIMONY

The late President's wife's testimony is published in Vol. V of the 'Hearings.' It reveals that the President was, indeed, shot when the gunman's view from the Depository building was obscured by the oak tree. The following extracts are quoted as printed:

Mrs. Kennedy: "You know, there is always noise in a motorcade and there are always motorcycles beside us, a lot of them backfiring. So I was looking to the left. I guess there was a noise, but it didn't seem like any different noise really because there is so much noise, motorcycles and things. But then suddenly Governor Connally was yelling, 'Oh, no, no, no.'"

Mr. Rankin: "Did he turn toward you?"

Mrs. Kennedy: "No; I was looking this way, to the left, and I heard these terrible noises.... So I turned to the right...."

(to be continued in the next issue)

Two Plaques

On Jan. 6, 1969, a bunch of Capitol Hill toadies presented LBJ with a plaque inscribed: "To Lyndon B. Johnson, teacher, legislator, Vice-President, President of the United States and Supreme Patriot."

TRUTH LETTER hereby awards to LBJ another plaque inscribed:

"To Lyndon B. Johnson, liar, fraud merchant, swindler, usurper, war criminal and Supreme Bandit." *

Let History determine which of the two plaques is better deserved.

* For proof, see my new book "The Dark Side of Lyndon B. Johnson" (Peter Dawnay, Ltd., London, September 1968)

The new book by Joachim Joesten TRILOGY OF MURDER
 An analysis and interpretation of the John F. Kennedy, Robert Kennedy and
 Dr. Martin Luther King assassinations. -Copyright by J. Joesten, 1968-69.
 (continued from Vol. I, No. 8) Sirhan of the C.I.A.

in order to shroud the real motivation of the crime? Who but the CIA and its perennial accomplice in organized political crime, the FBI?

"But more important has been the attempt to blanket the information about Sirhan's own earlier movements," Mr. Jon Kimche goes on to write in the "Evening Standard" of July 18, 1968. "Though these are now known and recorded in detail by at least three Arab governments - and presumably must be known by the FBI - there appears to be a desire not to bring this part of the case into court."

Why, if the FBI is fully aware of Sirhan's extensive movements abroad during several years when, according to the official records of the US Government he was physically and uninterruptedly present in the United States; why, if his Middle East activities have been "recorded in detail by at least three Arab governments," is there a desire - by now a determination - not to bring this part of the case into court?

On the face of it, Sirhan's travels to his homeland and neighboring Arab countries could of course be completely innocent. But if they were, why did the U.S. Government, in a formal statement, deny that they had ever taken place? Why does Washington insist - at the risk of becoming the laughing stock of all these Arab governments which have the detailed facts in their files - that Sirhan never left the US after immigrating here?

It is precisely this determined, though hopelessly bungling, attempt by the US authorities to cloak Sirhan's movements abroad and to draw, as Mr. Kimche has put it, a "sickening smokescreen" over them, which proves that they were not of a private or innocent nature. Anyone who has even a rudimentary knowledge of the ways of intelligence will instantly realize that this supreme effort at organized mendacity and concealment clinches the case and marks Sirhan, beyond a shadow of doubt, as an undercover agent for the US Government, in other words for the CIA. And there is plenty of corroborating evidence in the rest of the information which Jon Kimche has dug up in the Middle East and which shows that Sirhan for years underwent intensive military training:

"Earlier details of Sirhan's journeys to the Middle East have now been fully investigated by the Arab governments concerned and they have filled in the missing details in the earlier report.

"These show that: Sirhan left the United States at the end of January, 1964, and travelled via Canada. From February 5 to February 21, he lived in the al Hamra suburb of Beirut with a Christian Arab family called Alguas al Mouishi.

"He then went to Damascus and from February 23 to March 5, 1964, he lodged with Halim al Halibi in Ghouta. From there he went to the training camp at Qataneh, outside Damascus. With him at the camp were 10 other Palestinians and some Iraqis and others. The two officers in charge of the camp at the time were Lieut. Colonel Aziz al Marouf and an Algerian major known as Ahmed Belcasim."

All this, of course, tends to show that Sirhan's military training in the Middle East took place under the auspices of the Palestinian guerrilla organization. But there is a lot more to it than meets the eye.

(to be continued in No. 10)

Just published

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THE CASE AGAINST J. EDGAR HOOVER

In the assassinations of
President John F. Kennedy - Sen. Robert Kennedy - Dr. Martin L. King

A Public Indictment Before the High Court of World Opinion

by JOACHIM JOESTEN

(Author of eight published books about the KENNEDY MURDER FRAUD)

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The Case Against J. Edgar Hoover is mimeographed and runs to about 15,000 words. The price is \$ 20.00 (twenty US dollars) per copy. Subscribers to Joachim Joesten's TRUTH LETTER are entitled to a 50% discount on this price.

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THINGS ARE BEGINNING TO HAPPEN

Volume III just published

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THE BIGGEST LIE EVER TOLD
(The Kennedy Murder Fraud - And How I Helped Expose It)

by JOACHIM JOESTEN

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This is the inside account, told in the first person, of a hitherto unknown story that will make headlines some day:

How Joachim Joesten, with his book "Oswald: Assassin or Fall Guy?" - published three months before the Warren Report! - got the train of disclosures started that has been rolling ever since, gathering momentum from year to year as others joined in the battle for the truth; how the official fabric of deception was torn apart, step by step and book by book; how Joesten outwitted the CIA, the agency primarily responsible for the assassination of President Kennedy (and of Sen. Robert Kennedy as well); how he put the finger on Lyndon B. Johnson as the power behind the murder (both of them); how he carried on relentless psychological warfare against the perpetrators of the Kennedy Murder Fraud and triggered some surprising reactions; how he piled "first" upon "first" in the gradually evolving destruction of the official mythmaking; and the exposure of the shocking truth; and, how it felt to be in the middle of all it.

The author does not claim sole credit for exposing the Kennedy Murder Fraud, or even claim a major share of the credit - Jim Garrison is entitled to that - but he is conscious of the fact that he did the spadework for the big demolition job now in progress.

"The Biggest Lie Ever Told" is being published by the author himself in the form of a mimeographed series of four volumes.

Vol. I - The Long Uphill Fight for the Truth was published in April 1968. Chapter headings: (1) Are the Critics Mad? (2) Confessions of a Ghoul (3) The Bad Book (4) The Warren Commission and I (5) The CIA Retaliates (6) The Mock Trial That Never Came Off - About 15,000 words.

Vol. II - Adventures in Zurich (in connection with the publication in 1966 of the author's German-language book on the Kennedy Murder Fraud) was published in August 1968. Chapter headings: (1) This Searing Obsession (2) The Challenge (3) The Austin Sniper (4) Of Cloaks and Daggers (5) The Deserters (6) Insane for 36 Hours (7) The Press Conference. About 14,000 words.

And now here is Vol. III :

MY WAR AGAINST THE NEWSFAKERS

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Vol. IV - It's a Ghoul's Life will follow in the spring of 1969.

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