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Such are the gullibility, blindness and complacency of 99.9999% of Americans (and 88.8888 % of Europeans) that the self-evident attempt to kill Sen. Edward Kennedy by sabotaging his car and the conspicuous murder of the Rev. A.D.King, brother of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, through forcible drowning in his swimming pool, were both accepted as unquestionable, though indeed a little mysterious accidents.

Hardly an eyebrow was raised in a press which in ordinary life is apt to probe deeply into suspicious circumstances suggesting foul play, but has become so inured to political assassination disguised as accident, suicide or what not: it cooperates in suppressing the truth as a matter of routine. And the authorities, of course, are concerned with preserving the sham integrity of the Establishment rather than with the pursuit of truth and justice. This has become an unbreakable habit in America.

And so we have been treated again to the same old humbug of a harsh fate relentlessly pursuing the hapless Kennedys when in fact they are being ruthlessly exterminated, one by one, by the gang that was responsible for the first and most fateful of these murders, that of President John F. Kennedy, i.e. the CIA and its top accomplice, Lyndon B. Johnson.

The timing - on the eve of the moon landing spectacular - was perfect. Not only because world attention was focussed on this event virtually to the exclusion of all other happenings, but also because the outrageous attempt on Ted Kennedy's life was eclipsed by the hypocritical eulogies heaped at the same time on his space pioneering brother, the late John F. Kennedy.

What reasons are there to believe that the "accident" of Chappaquiddick Island was in reality an assassination attempt that failed and that the drowning of the Rev. A.D.King represents cold-blooded murder?

In the first place, we must again ponder the meaning of the suspicious circumstances of Ted Kennedy's car crash and ask the inevitable question (carefully shunned by the newsfakers) WHY he acted as strangely as he did.

A genuine accident like that could of course happen to anyone. But would an ordinary person try to explain it by concocting a weirdly incredible waver story, as Senator Kennedy did? Even the newsfakers couldn't help spotting the eight or more manifest lies, irreconcilable contradictions or striking improbabilities in Kennedy's account of what had happened, even though the police chief of Edgartown is "firmly convinced" that the Senator had told him the truth about the accident.

Why, if it was a mere accident, did Kennedy lie about the way it had come to pass and why is he so obviously covering up for something or someone everybody feels is in the background of this seemingly strange adventure, but nobody dares put the finger on?

The answer, in my view, is that Kennedy immediately realized that this was another attempt to kill him by means of a fake accident (the first attempt was made on June 19, 1964, when his private airplane crashed due to sabotage) but also felt that if he told the truth he would set in motion a chain of consequences he could not control. Therefore, he once again played the game, pretending that he had been the victim of a genuine accident, as he had done in 1964. However, in trying to explain what had happened in terms of how it did not happen, he got caught - like the Warren Commission - in his own tangled web of lies.

The Kennedy clan, since the assassination of the President, has adhered strictly to a timetable for exposing the truth (or only part of it) which postulates as starting-point the inauguration of another member of the family as President of the United States. This has been a fatal mistake which cost Robert Kennedy his life because the implications of his sudden bid for the presidency in the spring of 1968 were all too clear to his enemies who had everything to fear from another Kennedy in the White House.

The undignified hassle between Jackie Kennedy and William Manchester over some passages of "The Death of a President" was due to the fact that the hired scribe had jeopardized that timetable through his greed to make big royalties fast. And Garrison's pathetic attempt to expose the truth regardless of the Kennedy timetable failed when the clan callously refused to release the autopsy materials essential to the case.

How strong - and stupid - this determination of the Kennedys not to start the train of exposure until they again have the presidency firmly in their grip is, has now again been demonstrated by Ted Kennedy's seemingly unaccountable behavior after his accident. He instantly realized that if he gave the slightest indication of foul play, he would be drawn out by reporters into revealing more about the background of this attempt to nip his bid for the presidency in the bud than he cared to do at this time. So, instead of telling the truth, he made up weak cover story and in doing so put himself into a very bad position. He even pleaded guilty to an offense he had not committed.

There is a dash of bitter irony in this situation. While the attempt to kill Ted Kennedy again - probably the brakes of his car had been sabotaged - again has failed, the intended victim in the process all but ruined his political career by lying about what had happened.

I do not believe for one moment that Ted Kennedy was guilty of "leaving the scene of an accident after having done bodily harm," as the complaint against him has charged. Rather I think that the senator, once he had struggled free from the car overturned in the water - provided that part of his story is true - was stricken by panic at the thought of assassins lurking in the neighborhood to finish him off and fled headlong without trying to rescue his female passenger or going to the police. Ted Kennedy of course knows only too well that his brother John was assassinated with the help of the police and that his brother Robert was trapped by half a dozen assassins acting in concert. So he wasn't going to take any chances.

And the Rev. A.D. King? Well, does anybody in his right mind believe that a man in the prime of life and in good health would accidentally drown in his swimming pool? What really happened is, of course, that the Negro leader who like his previously slain brother was active in the civil rights movement, was stunned by a karate blow or otherwise incapacitated and then thrown into the pool, no matter what the Uncle Toms of the S.C.L.C. may have to say about the cause of death.

The CIA again? No, not directly. The Ku Klux Klan, the Minutemen - or any of the other ultra-rightist and racist organizations operating on their own, but using the murder tactics developed by the CIA.

The Kennedy Autopsy Fraud (ctd. from No. 21)

The shocking fact that the autopsy of President Kennedy's body, far from being conducted under judicial supervision, as the law requires, actually was a command performance run by the military was clearly brought out by the cross-examination of Dr. Finck (a defense witness) at the Clay Shaw trial on Feb. 24, 1969. In answer to a question by Assistant DA Alvin V. Oser, Dr. Finck said:

"I would like to remind you I was not in charge of this autopsy. I was called in as a consultant to examine the wounds and that doesn't mean I was running the show. Dr. Humes asked who was in charge and I recall some general said, 'I am.' I don't recall this general's name. There were many people present, law enforcement officials, military officials and the like." Then followed this dialogue:

Q.-Was that army general a pathologist?

A.-No.

Q.- Was he a doctor?

A.- No, I don't believe.

Q.- Can you give me his name, please?

A.- No, I can't. I'm sorry, but I don't remember.

Ponder this situation well. And keep in mind what that eminent authority in the field, Dr. Cyril H. Wecht has written: "Had President Kennedy been a European head of state, his government would have appointed the most eminent forensic pathologist in the country to conduct the autopsy. As assistants, such a man would have had two or three other forensic experts or heads of medico-legal institutes..."

Instead, the Kennedy autopsy was performed by three military hospital pathologists lacking in forensic training under the direct orders of a still unidentified army general. And this general took his orders from whom? Obviously, in a matter of such importance, from the Commander-in-Chief, the new President Lyndon B. Johnson. The chain of command, under which this fraudulent autopsy was performed, clearly involves the direct responsibility of LBJ. The autopsy doctors were mere puppets dancing on strings that were pulled from behind the scenes and Dr. Finck was the least independent of them, as he recognized himself in his testimony.

Indeed, in reply to a direct question from Oser, "Did you feel you had to take orders from that Army general?", Dr. Finck said: "When you are a lieutenant colonel, you just follow orders." He couldn't have been more explicit about his role.

The Warren Commission, William Manchester and others who labored hard to lend to the official version a veneer of credibility all have tried to create the impression, usually by devious statements, innuendoes or sheer double-talk, that the three autopsy doctors had written their report on the strength of the X-rays and photographs that had been taken. The opposite was true as this amazing episode, again taken from the trial transcript, shows:

Oser: "Prior to writing your autopsy report, did you have occasion to view these photos?"

Dr. Finck: "Yes, I did."

Thereupon Oser showed Finck a report dated January 20, 1967, and signed by the doctor, and pointed out that "On the first page, fifth paragraph, it says in effect, Dr. Finck first saw the photographs on January 20, 1967."

Revisited, the witness involved himself in a flat contradiction of his earlier statement, saying "I did not say I had seen the photographs prior

to writing the autopsy report in 1963" - which is exactly what he had done. This was pointed out sharply to him by Oser who had the court stenographer read back the question and answer. Finck lamely tried to duck the issue by saying he must have misunderstood the question. The following dialogue makes it plain that Dr. Finck had perjured himself on this vital issue:

Oser: "Dr. Finck, didn't you testify that the X-rays and photographs taken during the autopsy were used in making your autopsy report?"

Finck: "No, I must have misunderstood the question. The first time I saw the X-rays and photographs taken was in January 1967."

Oser: "Isn't it because I pointed out to you in your report, that you changed your testimony and said the court stenographer must have misunderstood?"

Finck: "I think so. I wish to emphasize that the first time I saw these photographs was in January of 1967. In 1964 I saw photographs but these were not of the autopsy but from the Zapruder film."

Before we proceed with Dr. Finck's testimony at the Clay Shaw trial, again remember what Dr. Wecht has written: "... If the military pathologists... were told by their military superiors to make the omissions and obeyed that order... (they) and their report are totally discredited..."

Dr. Finck and his colleagues acted under orders and for that reason alone their autopsy report isn't worth the paper it was written on. Moreover, the above-described episode from the Shaw trial shows that Dr. Finck is still following orders to the point of perjuring himself in court. Under the circumstances, it must be clear to the unbiased mind that his "honest professional opinion" that Kennedy had been shot exclusively from the rear isn't worth a red nickel. It may be an honest professional opinion, but not of a doctor or pathologist - just of a subordinate officer obeying orders handed down from the top.

In any case it has now been fully established that the so-called autopsy report composed by these three military puppets was written without benefit of the precise and invaluable information that would have been provided by a thorough examination of the X-rays and photographs. These doctors were content to work without the basic tools of their trade.

Oser then asked a rather superfluous question:

"In order to make a conclusion for an autopsy report, are photographs and X-rays needed?"

"They are extremely useful," Dr. Finck replied.

Q. - But is it normal practice?

A. - It is normal practice to take X-rays and photographs of a victim.

Q. - Do you know if these photographs and X-rays were ever displayed before the Warren Commission?

A. - (After a short procedural discussion) When I appeared before the Warren Commission in March of 1964, the X-rays and photographs were not available to us in the preparation of our testimony. I appeared at the hearing with the two other pathologists, Dr. Humes and Dr. Boswell.

Thus, Dr. Finck not only dispensed with the essential tools of his trade in writing an autopsy report, but he also testified (evidently again under military orders) before a commission purportedly investigating the assassination of a Chief Executive without reference to the vitally important materials on which every honest autopsy and every honest testimony concerning the causes of a victim's death must necessarily be based.

"Why weren't they available?" Dr. Finck was asked.
(to be continued in the next issue)

The new book by Joachim Joesten TRILOGY OF MURDER
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For, what other motive than the intent to cover up the real inspiration of this crime and to put the blame for it on those who were not involved could Yorty possibly have had when he rushed forth to put the Communist label on Sirhan and at the same time to proclaim to the world that the young Jordanian had killed Robert Kennedy out of anti-Zionist spite?

Indeed, no sooner had Sirhan been identified and his home searched - without a warrant - than Mayor Yorty (who had no business at all getting into a murder case that was the sole responsibility of the police authorities and the district attorney) held a news conference in which he revealed that one of a set of diaries found in the killer's bedroom in Pasadena contained an entry in his own handwriting that said Sen. Kennedy must die before June 5 - the first anniversary of the 1967 Arab-Israeli war.

The implication that Sirhan's act was tied to this anniversary painful to the Arab world, it must be noted, was wholly gratuitous and of Yorty's own making. For when the tattered notebooks were produced at Sirhan's trial, on Feb. 26, 1969, it turned out that they contained no reference to the Arab-Israeli war. What Sirhan really had written - or rather had most likely been somehow induced to write for a command performance of self-incrimination, as in the Oswald case - was this:

"My determination to eliminate RFK is becoming more the more (sic) of an unshakable OBSESSION," he wrote on one page dated May 18, 1968. "RFK must die... RFK must be killed... Robert F. Kennedy must be assassinated... Robert F. Kennedy must be assassinated before 5 June 1968..." And, on an envelope allegedly found in a trash can in the backyard of his house, Sirhan had scrawled, "RFK must be disposed of like his brother was..."

All of which suggests that by May 18, 1968, the decision to kill the then front-running presidential candidate had been made in high quarters and Sirhan had been enlisted as executioner. For the next 17 days, Robert Kennedy's life hung in the balance. If he won the California primary and thus became assured of nomination by his party, he was doomed to die as soon as the outcome of this contest was finally decided, i.e. by June 5, 1968. Had he lost out, there would have been no more necessity to eliminate him from the political scene and the killer's hand most likely would have been stayed.

The circumstances also suggest that Sirhan, at the time he made these jottings, was still alone on the job and had been ordered to pose as a wild-eyed Communist, rather than a Jew-hater. Hence the absence of any reference to the Arab-Israeli war in his diaries. Before long, however, a decision must have been made to go it safe and put more men on the job. At that moment, preference was given to the anti-Zionist "motive" which could be attributed to anyone of the half dozen Arabs assigned to the Robert Kennedy ambush on June 5. Indeed, while the Sirhan diaries do not display any anti-Zionist passion, they do contain these remarkable passages:

"I firmly support Communist cause and its people - whether Russian, Chinese, Albanian, Hungarian or whoever..." He also wrote that the U.S. involvement in the Vietnam war was designed "to keep the economy going" and added, "My solution to this type of government is to do away with its leaders and declare anarchy the best form of government or no government."

Here, then, we have the self-proclaimed Communist, even anarchist, Sirhan, an extreme leftwinger even farther out than the self-proclaimed "Marxist" Oswald, and expressing himself in the same ranting, half-educated style. The pattern is too clear and too consistent to be accidental. Oswald and Sirhan were cut out of the same cloth: two CIA agents dressed up as leftwingers and then framed by their taskmasters (to be continued in the next issue).

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