

EDITORIAL

Assassination Is Not A Closed Book

We have never tended to fall for sensational gossip that has consistently surrounded our top political figures . . . the myth that FDR plotted Pearl Harbor, that JFK had been married previously and that his father bribed Jacqueline to live with him, that FDR really isn't dead, that Mamie Eisenhower is an alcoholic, that JFK was a member of the Communist Party and that the Communists assassinated him because they feared he was going "to turn American" as Professor Revilio Oliver, a prominent John Bircher, contended.

But the number of unanswered questions concerning the assassination of JFK and the investigations that followed are too numerous to be ignored. We are not among those who believe that the Warren commission conspired to hide the truth. We believe the commission's error was in assuming too much, in taking too much for granted because "everybody knows" Oswald killed the President and Ruby killed Oswald.

There is no doubt but what Oswald was involved in the assassination and that Ruby killed Oswald. But there is too much evidence that others were also involved, including perhaps members of the Dallas Police Department. There is too much evidence that Oswald was a cover up for a rightwing assassination plot. There is too much evidence that Ruby, Oswald, some Dallas policemen, were part of a conspiracy. There is too much evidence that the mysterious deaths of persons who knew most about the assassination were not accidental. Too many relevant facts were ignored by the commission. There seems to be no doubt but what shots were fired from in front of the Presidential car at the same time Oswald fired from a fifth story window.

For these and many other reasons we are glad that Jack Ruby's case is to be reopened. We have no sympathy for Ruby. He's as guilty as anyone . . . but attempts should be made to answer the unanswered questions. The whole case should be reopened.

The mysterious behavior of Dallas policemen on Nov. 22, 1963, cannot all be credited to stupidity.

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