

From "The Rhetoric of Evasion" by Richard Drinnon,  
Professor of history, Bucknell Univ, author of a biography of  
Emma Goldman (The Nation, 10/13/69)

"Violence in America is now out in the open - in the  
streets, so to speak, and in the libraries, offices, conference  
and hearing rooms ... once recognized it must be  
immediately reconcealed, rendered politically  
irrelevant (my emphasis) ... After all, one of the  
traditional claims of the national state is that it  
provides security to its subjects. More important,  
the recognition of significant internal violence  
would call into question all the current myths  
that legitimize official violence. Seen in this

light, Chief Justice Warren headed up our first national commission on violence; his task was to restore the feeling of security shattered by President Kennedy's assassination. This was accomplished by establishing the pretty truth that the ugly event had no meaning: Oswald was a nut. After the assassination of Robert Kennedy, Mr. Johnson followed what had become standard operating procedure: he quickly appointed a commission of most distinguished Americans to immediately examine this tragic phenomenon. Milton Eisenhower took up where Warren left off. Jim Hoffer replaced Gerald Ford as the

solitary man of letters on the commission and a  
new team took over "

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