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Sirs:

Re: A Time of Assassins: Three Editorials


Certainly your reasons for groaning at LBJ's persistence in creating new commissions are unassailable. But they are not complete. The violence commission is not only superfluous, it is insulting to a grief-stricken and fearful land.

Indignant calls have justifiably been heard already for the resignation from the violence commission of Senator Roman Hruska, who is a living symbol of opposition to gun controls, and Eric Hoffer, who absolved the country in advance of sickness or guilt in the assassination of Robert F. Kennedy. Overlooked thus far, by The Nation and others who were incensed by the hypocrisy and irrelevance of LBJ's response to events, is his appointment of two repeaters from the discredited Warren Commission---Hale Boggs, and Albert E. Jenner, Jr., who was a senior counsel.

The designation of Jenner is particularly scandalous. In a television interview in December 1966, Jenner let loose a stream of misinformation and falsehood about the so-called evidence against Lee Harvey Oswald, as was amply and explicitly documented in the March 1967 issue of The Minority of One. Although the manuscript was sent to him before publication, Jenner did not then or subsequently refute its contents, in whole or in part; and by that default, he stands as having engaged in wilful deceit and misstatement on an issue of cardinal importance.

No sooner was Jenner named to the violence commission than he rushed back before the TV cameras to proclaim his intention, as a commissioner, to study in greater depth the "motivation" of Lee Harvey Oswald. Jenner and others whose reputations are invested in the Warren Report will try harder than ever to maintain the contemptible fiction of a lone assassin in Dallas, although there is now incontrovertible proof on the record that President Kennedy was assassinated in a cross-fire and by a conspiracy. The assassination of his brother, Robert Kennedy, in the wake of the assassination of Martin Luther King, has aroused uneasiness even among those who were most complacent about Dallas. Jenner, and Hale Boggs, who have vested interest in the preservation of the discredited and disgraceful Warren Report, have no legitimate place on any commission to investigate assassinations, even if only in sociological and psychological terms, and should be removed at once.

Yours sincerely,

  
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