

AN AMERICAN MELODRAMA: The Presidential Campaign of 1968,  
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A very different result would be obtained by assembling in one room the killers and would-be killers of Presidents. Lincoln was killed by a crazy Southerner with aristocratic notions...James Garfield was shot in 1881 for purely personal, if eccentric, reasons...William McKinley was shot in 1901 by an anarchist who at any rate professed intricate ideological reasons, and Lee Harvey Oswald (if, indeed, it was he who shot John Kennedy) was said to be motivated entirely by psychological resentment against the eminent.

The rifle that LHO used to assassinate President Kennedy left Italy on September 30, 1960, aboard the Italian steamer Elettra Fassio. It arrived in Jersey City 17 days later and was consigned to a bonded warehouse, Harborside Terminal, near Lockade. It remained there for 28 months and then, along with a batch of Mannlicher-Carcanos, was shipped by Crescent Firearms to Klein's Sporting Goods, Inc., of Chicago. Klein's is a large ...regular advertiser in...organ of the National Rifle Association.

In the February 1963 issue of the Rifleman, Klein's ran a full page illustrated ad in which they offered a "6.5 Italian Carbine. Only 36" overall, weighs only 5½ lbs. Shows only slight use...specially priced ...\$12.88. Carbine with brand new good quality 4 x scope - 3/4" diam. as illus...19.95."

On March 13, 1963 Klein's received...One week later rifle No. C2766 was shipped to the customer without demur. The name A. Hidell, of course, was later determined to be an alias used by LHO.

While the ad offered for sale a Mannlicher- Carcano carbine, the actual weapon illustrated in the ad was what is known as a "short rifle," which is not the same thing. Mannlicher-Carcanos underwent many modifications during Mussolini's dictatorship and to the ~~uninitiated~~ uninitiated the results may seem confusing. But any standard weapons manual will show that the ordinary Mannlicher-Carcano rifle, in its various modifications, has an overall length of 47 inches or 50.7 inches; that the carbine has an overall length of approximately 36 inches; and that the short rifle, model 91/38 (in both 7.35 mm. and 6.5 mm.) has an overall length of 40.2 inches. Oswald received the third-named weapon in 6.5 mm. Klein's, which should have known better, did not notice the difference. Nor did LHO, who, in all probability, was primarily interested in the price and not the make or model. The "carbine" as advertised was the cheapest item Klein's was offering that month in rifles.\*

\*The Klein's ads in the American Rifleman, as a rule, make interesting reading. For instance, Mannlicher-Carcanos were first advertised in the March 1962 issue...and continued to appear in subsequent issues until October 1963. Klein's has never since run an ad for Mannlicher-Carcanos.

The specific manner in which Klein's advertised these rifles is also noteworthy. For instance, in the April 1963 issue of Rifleman, Klein's advertised its "carbine" as 40 inches overall and weighing 7 pounds, thus adding 4 inches to its length and 1½ pounds to its weight. The price, photograph, and stock number remained unchanged. Three months later, in the July 1963 issue, the "carbine" price was reduced by ten cents. In the August issue, everything --stock number, weight, length and new price--remained the same except that the photographic illustration of the Mannlicher-Carcano now showed, for some reason, an Enfield .303 Jungle Carbine. Finally, in the September 1963 issue, the previous illustration--of a short rifle--was reinserted; the stock number, price and description (a "carbine") remained unchanged.

<u>Card shows return date</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Date would have been checked out</u>	
10/3/63	Goldfinger	Ian Fleming	9/19/63	9/23/63 (X)
7/3/63	Thunderball	"	6/24/63	7/1/63
10/3/63	Moonraker	"	9/19/63	9/23/63
9/5/63	From Russia With Love	"	8/22/63	8/22/63
10/3/63	Ape And Essence	Aldous Huxley	9/19/63	9/23/63
10/3/63	Brave New World	"	9/19/63	9/23/63
9/5/63	The Sixth Galaxy Reader	H.L. Gold	8/22/63	8/22/63
9/5/63	Portals of Tomorrow	August Derleth	8/22/63	8/22/63
8/13/63	Mind Partner	Edited by H.L. Gold	7/30/63	8/1/63
8/1/63	Five Spy Novels	Selected by Howard Haycraft	7/18/63	7/29/63
9/23/63	Big Book of Science Fiction	Groff Conklin	9/9/63	9/5/63
7/24/63	The Hugo Winners	Edited by I. Asimov	7/10/63	7/20/63
8/22/63	The Worlds of Clifford Simak		8/8/63	8/19/63
8/19/63	The Expert Dreamers	Edited by F. Pohl	8/5/63	8/14/63
8/14/63	Nine Tomorrows	Isaac Asimov	7/31/63	8/13/63 (?)
8/26/63	The Treasury of Science Fiction Classics	Edited by H. Kuebler	8/12/63	8/22/63
8/14/63	Everyday Life In Ancient Rome	F.R. Cowell	7/31/63	8/13/63 (?)
7/1/63	Soviet Potentials	G. B. Cressey	6/17/63	6/26/63
7/1/63	What We Must Know About Communism	H and B Overstreet	6/17/63	6/26/63
7/24/63	Russia Under Khrushchev	Alexander Werth	7/10/63	7/20/63
7/15/63	Portrait of a President	W. Manchester	7/1/63	7/12/63
6/15/63	The Huey Long Murder Case	Hermann B. Deutsch	6/1/63	6/5/63
6/5/63	Portrait of a Re- volutionary: Mao Tse-Tung	Robert Payne	5/22/63	(?)
6/15/63	The Berlin Wall	D & D Heller	6/1/63	6/5/63
7/1/63	This Is My Philosophy	Edited by W. Durant	6/17/63	6/26/63
9/23/69	The Bridge Over The River Kwai	Pierre Boulle	9/9/63	9/5/63 (?)
8/13/63	The Hittite	Noel B Gerson	7/30/63	8/1/63
7/29/63	The Blue Nile	A Moorehead	7/15/63	7/24/63
7/20/63	One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich	A Solzednitsky	7/6/63	7/15/63
9/23/63	Ben-Hur	Lewis Wallace	9/9/63	9/5/63
7/29/63	Profiles in Courage	JFK	7/15/63	7/24/63
7/12/63	A Fall of Moondust	Arthur C. Clarke	6/28/63	7/3/63
7/20/63	Hornblower and The Hotspur	C.S. Forester	7/6/63	7/15/63
6/26/63	Conflict	Robert Leckie	6/2/63	6/15/63

(W) date on card is possibly correct / correct date

6/5/63 Wed

Portrait of a Revolutionary:  
Mao Tse-Tung, by Payne

Borrowed — ?

Books borrowed by  
Oswald from New Orleans  
public library

6/15/63 Sat

The Huey Long Murder Case by H B Deutsch

The Berlin Wall by the Hellers

Borrowed 6/5/63 wed

(10)

6/26/63 Wed

Conflict by R Leckie

Borrowed 6/15/63 Sat

(11)

7/1/63 Monday

Soviet Potentials by Cressy  
What we Must Know about  
Communism by the Overstreets

This is My Philosophy (Durant)

B 6/26/63 Wed

(5)

7/3/63 Wed

Thunderball by Fleming

to 7/1/63 Monday

(2)



7/12/63 Friday

A Fall of Moondust by A G Clarke

B 7/3/63 Wed

(9)

7/15/63 Monday

Portrait of a President by W Manchester

b 7/12/63 Fri

(3)

7/20/63 Sat

One Day in the Life of  
Ivan Denisovich by A Solzednetsky

Hornblower and the Hotspur by Forester

B 7/15/63 Monday

(5)

7/24/63 Wed

The Hago Winners (Asimov)

Russia Under Khrushchev by Alex Werth

B 7/20/63 Sat

(4)

7/29/63 Monday

The Blue Nile by Moorehead  
Profiles in Courage by JFK

B 7/24/63 Wed

(5)

8/1/63

Thurs

Five Spy Novels (Haycraft)

b 7/29/63 Monday

(3)

8/13/63

Tuesday

Mind Partner (HL Gold)

The Hittite by Noel Gerson

B 8/1/63 Thurs

(12)

8/14/63 Wed

Nine Tomorrows by Asimov

Everyday Life in Ancient Rome by Cowell

B 8/13/63 Tues

(1)



8/22/63

Thurs

The Worlds of Clifford Simak

b 8/19/63 Monday

(3)

8/26/63 Monday

Treasury of Science Fiction Classics (Kuebler)

Borrowed 8/22/63 Thursday

9/5/63 *Thurs*

From Russia with Love by Fleming

The 6th Galaxy Reader (HL Gold)

Portals of Tomorrow (Berleth)

*b* 8/26/63 ~~Thurs~~ Monday  
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9/23/63 Monday

Big Book of Science Fiction (Conklin)  
Bridge Over River Kway by Boullé

Ben-Hur by Wallace

B 9/5/63 Thurs  
(18)

10/3/63

Thursday

Goldfinger and Moonraker by Fleming

Ape and Essence and BNW by Huxley

B 9/23/63 Monday

(10)

CE 2650 H - Works - 12/10/63  
5/22 to 9/19/63 (4 mos) = 34 books

Spy and Adventure Fiction + + + +    11    (7)

Science Fiction + + + +    + + + +    1    (11)

History & Politics + + + +    1111    (8)

(intro)  
Anti-Communist Propaganda    1111    (4)

Unknown + + + +    (4)

6/1 - 10/63    The Huey Long  
Murder Case

by Hermann J. Deutsch

VB (4) returned 10/3/63 when LHO not in NWS