

THE WARREN COMMISSION-BILDERBERG NEXUS

by David Wemple

(Note: David Wemple of Hurley, New York, has researched the JFK assassination for some years and is the author of the recently-published feature article, "The International Power Brokers who have Jimmy Carter in their pocket" - Gallery, December 1977. We thank him for having provided us with this specially-written item for our columns.)

Imagine an international cartel of the most influential power brokers in the Western World. Behind closed doors they would hold discussions on sensitive issues of the greatest consequence to world affairs. And of all this the public would know virtually nothing, for the participants had sworn themselves to refuse public comment on the conferences' proceedings.

Such a cartel of the high and mighty has in fact existed since the early 1950s: the Bilderberg Group has drawn its elite membership from such high-powered enclaves as New York's Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) and London's Royal Institute of International Affairs. What emerges is a semi-secret and private fraternity of the West's financial, corporate, political and military leadership.

Principal organizers of the Bilderberg conferences were those men who stood at the helm of the American and European military intelligence networks during World War II: General Walter Bedell Smith, Allen Dulles, Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands and the newly-emergent cabal of Dean Rusk and David Rockefeller. Prince Bernhard was elected to serve as the group's permanent chairman in 1954; he faithfully presided over every gathering until 1976 when he tarnished the already questionable reputation of the Bilderbergers by being caught with his hand in the sticky Lockheed Aircraft pot. Surely, many wondered what kind of situation existed if the conferences' illustrious chairman of 22 years would conspire to accept over \$1,000,000 in corporate bribes from one company alone. What levels of corruption were encouraged or condoned among the hundreds of Bilderbergers who attended Bernhardt's meetings?

While volumes could be written about the corruption and intrigue concerning a mere handful of Bilderberg participants, suffice it for the moment to say that the power and influence inherent in the group's membership is of truly astronomical proportions and centers largely around two magical words of the present era: Banking and Petroleum. Included among the ten American members of the policy-making Steering Committee, for instance, are some of the highest officials of such organizations as the Chase Manhattan Bank, Lehman Brothers International, Manufacturers Hanover Trust Co., the Dreyfus Corp., AMAX Inc., and the

Atlantic-Richfield Co. (which recently acquired a controlling interest in the London Sunday newspaper, the Observer).

Precisely because the vested interests of Bilderberg participants are international in scope, the most obscure developments from Andorra to Zambia are of vital interest to them, for they are dealing with nothing less than the power structure of the entire West. It should go without saying that an event as momentous as the assassination of an American President would preoccupy their thoughts for some time, for the inevitable political consequences of such an act would be tremendous. Perhaps this was even more the case because the President in question was John F. Kennedy; his enemies were legion and among the most powerful in the world. Ironically, the Kennedys themselves were part of the Bilderberg power structure too, but at some point too much independence began to assert itself. When it comes to the crunch and the survival of a "system" said former political lobbyist Robert Winter-Berger, "in Washington, there is no loyalty, no friendship, no sense of responsibility to anyone except yourself."

A reading of "James Hepburn's" Farewell America gives some idea as to who Kennedy's many enemies were: Organized Crime, Petroleum Lobbies in Texas (from whom he wanted to remove the oil depletion allowance, worth literally billions of dollars), the Central Intelligence Agency, the Military, and others. An inkling as to the powerful tide of opposition to his policies is indicated by the fact that his Vietnam policy was completely reversed (from a position of committed withdrawal of U.S. troops to one of escalated involvement) by Lyndon Johnson a mere two days after the assassination.

Although we will probably never be able to learn exactly what the highest-ranking Bilderberg officials (including Giovanni Agnelli of Italy's FIAT, David Rockefeller, Sweden's Marcus Wallenberg, and the United Kingdom's Sir Frederic Bennett and Denis Healey) had to say privately about the Kennedy murder, we can be certain that they thought a great deal about it, for his death vitally affected the West's relationships with the likes of the U.S.S.R., Congo, Vietnam and Cuba. It is possible, nevertheless, to draw some inferences from parallels existing between persons involved in the Warren Commission "investigation" and those involved in the Bilderberg-CIA-CFR network. If one can accept the reality that an international power structure of corporate/financial/military power brokers can know of deep-seated conspiracies - such as that which removed John Kennedy - and either condone or squash such acts, then the power structure's involvement in the cover-up is worthy of mention.

By the time the 1964 Bilderberg meeting had been scheduled for March 20-22 in Williamsburg, Virginia (on Rockefeller property!), the Warren Commission panel had settled down to its task. Of more than passing interest were those men who either attended the meeting or were otherwise involved in the power elite:

JOHN J. McCLOY: a major figure in the Office of Strategic Services (predecessor of the CIA), McCloy has remained one of the most influential of international lawyers. While attending the 1964 Bilderberg conference he also found himself sitting on the panel of the Warren Commission. No stranger to the highest reaches of government, he had attended previous Bilderberg gatherings and also had served as chairman of the board of CFR. According to former CIA officer, Victor Marchetti, who revealed that Clay Shaw was a high-level agent whose defence was provided by "The Company", "the influential but private Council, composed of several hundred of the country's top political, military, business, and academic leaders, has long been the CIA's principal 'constituency' in the American public. When the Agency has needed prominent citizens to front for its proprietary companies or for other special assistance, it has often turned to Council members." (emphasis added)

ALLEN DULLES: former U.S. Director of Central Intelligence, Dulles was fired from that position by Kennedy after the Bay of Pigs disaster; nevertheless, he found a seat on the Warren Commission. Although not listed as an attendant at the 1964 Bilderberg meeting, he was intimately familiar with the group's business as he served as one of its major organizers and co-founders. He was likewise a co-founder of the CIA-influenced Council on Foreign Relations and was posted there as a director (1927-69) and former president (1946-50).

GERALD R. FORD: also attending Bilderberg for more than the first time was the Commission's once-and-future President. Described by Jim Garrison as having "the reputation of being the CIA's best friend in the House of Representatives", Ford prostituted both his name and future by publishing a whitewash entitled Portrait of the Assassin. Not only did one Richard Nixon recommend Ford for the Warren Commission position, but in 1973 nominated him to inherit the post-Watergate throne. True to nature, the first unelected President was accompanied by the first unelected Vice-President: Nelson Rockefeller (brother of Bilderberg kingpin David).

CHARLES DOUGLAS JACKSON: both a senior vice-president of Time Inc. and publisher of Life magazine in 1963 and 1964, Jackson was the individual who had Life buy all rights to the famous Zapruder film of the JFK assassination and lock it away. Interestingly, he apprenticed for his central role in pushing the 'lone-assassin, no-conspiracy' line during World War II as the Deputy Chief of Psychological Warfare Branch of Allied Force H.Q. The Kennedy caper was psych-war par excellence and nothing less. His role as the principal organizer of Bilderberg and his 1964 attendance is made even more intriguing by Watergate reporter Carl Bernstein's remark that Jackson was for many years Time-Life empire patriarch Henry Luce's "personal emissary" to the CIA. It would place a great deal in focus.

EARL WARREN: father-figure of the Warren Commission, his history included a stint as the Democratic Party's Vice-Presidential candidate, having teamed up in 1948 with Presidential hopeful Tom Dewey. One of Dewey's best friends, needless to say, was CIA-Bilderberg chief Allen Dulles. Together Dewey and Dulles founded the Mary Carter Paint Company, which developed into a business with more than a few intelligence-organized crime connections. Earl Warren's unfortunate position was to have been on the 1948 ticket while Dulles' CIA (organized in 1947) was channeling a million dollars in covert funds to the campaign. One could seriously speculate as to whether Warren in fact knew of this arrangement. Either way, it was always possible to use the fact as a supreme embarrassment to the Chief Justice of the United States. How it might have affected his behavior on the Warren Commission is questionable, but Allen Dulles was right across the table to remind him of his past.

JOHN SHERMAN COOPER: eventually rewarded with an Ambassadorship to East Germany, this Commission member was also placed in the CFR.

RICHARD RUSSELL: another Commissioner, Russell served in the Congress as Chairman of the Senate's Armed Forces Subcommittee. Extremely intimate with the military-industrial complex, he was also on the Boards of Visitors of three U.S. military academies.

HALE BOGGS: his son, Thomas, was a registered lobbyist in Washington for some of the world's largest defense contractors, including General Dynamics, General Electric, Snerry Rand and Bell Telephone. Hale Boggs also was a member of the Warren Commission.

FRANCIS W.H. ADAMS: one of the panel's assistant counsels, Adams represented Texas oil baron Sid Richardson's family in a 1959 law suit.

WILLIAM T. COLEMAN JR.: another assistant counsel, Coleman is currently a member of the CFR and is also one of a select few Americans comprising the International Trilateral Commission. In many ways this organization resembles the Bilderberg Group, but includes the new elite of Japan. Several members are common to each body, and David Rockefeller serves as North American Secretary.

WESLEY LIEBELER: a major Warren Commission lawyer, Liebeler worked for the New York law firm of Carter, Ledyard & Milburn. California researcher/author Dr Peter Dale Scott has described the firm as "perhaps the most conspicuously CIA-linked firm in the country. At one time two alumni of Carter, Ledyard & Milburn served simultaneously as Deputy Directors of CIA..."

ALBERT JENNER: the assistant counsel given charge of investigating conspiracy leads, Jenner served as personal attorney for Henry Crown, a Syndicate-connected man who held the largest interest (20%) in the stock of the nation's greatest defence contractor, General Dynamics. As such, he was tremendously influential in the Dallas-Fort Worth area through his ties to Lyndon Johnson and the political machines there. Much of the corporation's stock was controlled by Sid Richardson (Texas oil) and the Lehman Brothers (Bilderberg official's connections) interests.

DAVID ROCKEFELLER: attended the 1964 conference as a member of the Steering Committee; succeeded John J. McCloy as Chairman of the Board of the CFR.

MCGEORGE BUNDY: as Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs under Kennedy and Johnson, Bundy played an interesting role in relaying the 'lone-assassin' message to Johnson while he was en route between Dallas and Washington. At the time Dallas police still had self-admitted reasons to suspect two gunmen. Bundy had participated in previous meetings, and had as his brother William Bundy (an official with the CIA for ten years, William had also been a director of the CFR).

There were many others at that veiled gathering in Williamsburg and most were as powerful as the likes of Bundy, Rockefeller and Dulles. This is not to imply, however, that "The Bilderbergers killed Kennedy!" Even so, we must realise, that the conspiracy against Kennedy ultimately found its way home to an international power elite that either condoned the act itself before the fact or engineered the cover-up afterwards. News travels along high-level networks and reaches the upper levels with such men as those who comprise the Bilderberg elite. Coups occur every year and such individuals don't wait to read about them in their local dailies. John Kennedy's murder could have been squashed or encouraged by these men, but they threw their lot to the side of murder and corruption.

As Peter Dale Scott so fitfully declared: "I have suggested ... not a single conspiratorial source but a collective origin in one such quadrant -- the dark quadrant of parapolitics where CIA, private intelligence, and Mafia operations overlap. The longer we ignore this area the more powerful it will become, as our dearly won rights under national constitutions are increasingly overshadowed by new multinational realities, in a global system where freedom and democracy are rare."

THE FBI REVEALS ALL (!!!)

Amidst a load of ballyhoo the FBI have recently released the first half of its 80,000 pages of files on the death of JFK. The remaining half are due to be declassified towards the end of January.

The biggest surprise is that the media in the U.S. have reported that their teams of "experts" have sifted through 40,000 sheets and have found nothing new - Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone in killing Kennedy!

We have not yet examined any of the files but are interested to see in certain photographs that segments of the "released" pages have been deleted as classified or secret. This has resulted in many of them now being available to the public as up to 90% blank!

As usual Penn Jones has put his finger on the real point at issue in asking why none of the media have been honest enough to report that many of the pages are so censored and none inquisitive enough to ask what has been erased and/or why.....



The British Broadcasting Corporation used this occasion to broadcast a TV item on the mysteries of Dallas on Channel 1 on December 9 as their evening current affairs show, "Tonight". As a result of Friday-evening regional optional programmes the result was that it was only screened to the London and South-East England area leaving the massive majority of the United Kingdom uninformed.

The programme consisted of brief introductory comments by the BBC's Messrs. Tuohy and Timpson followed by a 30-minute edited version of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation "60 Minutes" documentary (which was screened in Canada on November 22 and which we made reference to in our last issue). The main positive point of this inquiry was that photo technicians with the Canadian Department of National Defence presented their evaluation that the photographs of Oswald with a rifle used to link him to the JFK murder are either doctored or faked!!

Incidentally, for any interested parties, Penn Jones now has all the documents which have been released by the National Archives. He will provide copies at 15c per page and will promise delivery, within the USofA, within two weeks. Washington charges 20c per page and takes between two to three months! The minimum charge for any order is the same as the Archives - \$2.00. Penn's address is: P.O.Box 1140. Midlothian. Texas 76065.

WHO SAYS WE OSWALDS HAVEN'T A SENSE OF HUMOUR? by Brian Burden

Many readers will remember with affection the songs of Tom Lehrer, Harvard mathematician and part-time satirist, which enlivened the second half of the 1950s. Lehrer's atomic holocaust song: "We'll All Go Together When We Go", achieved the notable distinction of being banned by the BBC's "Family Favourites" after it had been a number one hit for several weeks.

Lehrer's second LP was issued during Lee Oswald's stint in the Marine Corps. One of the tracks is entitled: "It Makes a Fellow Proud to be a Soldier". A good-natured send-up of military service, it contains the following verse:

"Now Fred's an intellectual - brings a book to every meal.
He reads the deep philosophers like Norman Vincent Peale.
He think's the Army's just the thing,
Because he finds it broadening!
It makes a fellow proud to be a soldier!"
(Emphasis as in original)

We know from various sources, notably from Jim Garrison's A Heritage of Stone, that Oswald was a voracious reader, and might have been expected to identify with "Fred".

With this in mind, it is interesting to examine Oswald's (bogus) application to be a student at the Albert Schweitzer College in Switzerland. As we now know, Oswald had no intention of studying at the ASC and the application was but one stage in his planned defection to the Soviet Union. The following is quoted from the Warren Report - emphasis added:

"He listed philosophy, psychology, ideology, football, baseball, tennis, and stamp-collecting as special interests.... Jack London, Charles Darwin, and Norman Vincent Peale were listed as favourite authors.... Asked to give a general statement of his reasons for wanting to attend the college, he wrote:

"In order to acquire a fuller understanding of that subject which interest me most, Philosophy. To meet with Europeans who can broaden my scope of understanding. To receive formal education by Instructors of high standing and character. To broaden my knowledge of German and to live in a healthy climate and good moral atmosphere."
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Who says we Oswalds haven't a sense of humour?.....

NEWS BRIEFS

+++ The Dutch journalist, Willem Oltmans has returned to Washington to testify again before the House Assassination Committee. His illustrated account of his involvement and friendship with the late George De Mohrenschildt has recently been published in Holland by A.W.Bruna and Zoon.

Ben Reportage over de Kennedy-Moordenaars is a most intriguing book containing much important new information and it is therefore difficult to appreciate the delays which are deferring the appearance of an English-language edition. The contract has long been arranged with Random House/Pocket Books and it is to be hoped that they will soon honour their commitments!

+++ Bob Cutler's latest book, Evidence of Conspiracy. Sixty-six Seconds in Dallas, which we mentioned in our Issue No.20 and which was due to be published in November will now probably be released towards the end of January. It will be worth waiting for.....

+++ The 1977 Report of the House Assassination Committee's activities during the past year is awaited with great interest because of the total secrecy associated with it since G.Robert Blakey took over as Chief Counsel. We are now advised that since his appointment last June the Committee has built up its staff to 100 and have hired more than 30 consultants, most of whom remain anonymous. Blakey has become known as a strict disciplinarian though the final results of this remain to be seen.



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The publicity campaign surrounding the docu-drama, "The Trial of Lee Harvey Oswald" continues. Since our last issue we have been made aware of another article relating the background to the TV production. "What's wrong with this Photo?" by Lloyd Grove was published in the November 1977 issue of Crawdaddy.

It would appear that the motive for all this is to implant in the public's mind that Lee Harvey Oswald WAS brought to trial as this continual exposure can lead to the "I read it in print" state of half-truth!

The absolutely latest (and greatest!) move is to have the TV film script published in paperback book form. The Trial of Lee Harvey Oswald by Robert E. Thompson is available from Ace Books, 1120 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10036. 82360-2. Illustrated. \$1.95. 181 pages.

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