

The Bookshelf

Fresh Commentary On the Assassination

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THE UNANSWERED QUESTIONS, ABOUT PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION, Sylvan Fox, Award Books, 75 cents.

It is only a few days away from the second anniversary of President Kennedy's assassination. In the two intervening years one would expect the questions raised by that crime would have been answered.

An Unsettling Experience

A brief personal survey, undertaken on a sidewalk, in a clubhouse or railroad smoker will prove, however, that this is far from true.

After the Warren Commission put out a "five-foot library" on its hearings and its conclusions, questions still unanswered puzzled many an investigator, government official, law enforcement officer and ordinary citizen.

Fresh Commentary

The publisher of this intriguing book asked Fox, city editor of the World-Telegram, to go over all the documents

and come up with a fresh, annotated commentary.

The meanest trick I could play on my editorial associate would be to reveal all his findings. I will do nothing to keep readers from buying the book to see for themselves how doubt and suspicion still exist in the minds of millions.

Instead, let me use his words to arouse your curiosity and drive you to research of your own.

The chief questions that seem unanswered to the author are how many shots were actually fired in Dallas?

How could Oswald have squeezed off such a deadly pattern of shots from an awkward angle?

How could a bullet fired downward course upward through the President's body?

Who drove the police car that honked outside Lee Oswald's home while he was changing his clothes after the murder?

How was Jack Ruby able to get into the police headquarters building?

Some of these questions do not seem as important to me as others. But I confess, as a man who started out as most

newspapermen do covering police news, that I have always wondered how anyone, even Buffalo Bill or Annie Oakley, could have fired three shots in 5.6 seconds at a moving target, and been so accurate.

The reader will have to fathom some of the problems. Was the course of the bullet determined by the position of the President's body, which well may have been slumped so far forward that what seemed like an upward coursing wound was actually a downward one? Was another gun used?

The Prowl Car

Fox hammers on one situation I for one would like to see investigated all over again. It is the mystery of the honking prowl car.

Oswald ran to his home from the building where he shot the President. While there, changing his outer clothes, a witness testified she saw a prowl car slow to a stop in front of the house, beep the horn lightly and then roll on down a side street. The witness was the killer's housekeeper.

There was a mix-up about the car's police number, and

different testimony was given to the commission. But by whatever measuring stick you use, this was a most bizarre incident.

That's all I'm going to reveal. As one law enforcement official said in the foreword,

"If you prefer to believe that you have been given the final answers to the assassination, don't read this book. Otherwise you are in for an unsettling experience."

That is a rank understatement.