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Birchite Declines Specifics

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John F. Kennedy "was allowed by the Communists" to become president so his assassination could later be used to spark a destructive reaction against the American right wing, a John Birch Society writer said in Denver Tuesday.

This was a total view in hindsight expressed in an interview by Samuel L. Blumenfeld, a 40-year-old "analysis editor" of the Review of the News, a weekly pamphlet published by an affiliate of the society.

Blumenfeld was in Denver to discuss the Warren Commission Report at a public meeting Tuesday night at Hill Junior High School, sponsored by Colorado John Birch Society chapters.

Evidence that Kennedy's election in 1960 had in some way been permitted or influenced by the "Communist conspiracy" couldn't be produced by Blumenfeld as he rummaged through his brief case.

Pressed for some specific information which might help substantiate his implication that the U.S. political processes were keyed to the desires of the Communist party, Blumenfeld replied:

"Well, it's very complicated. You have to know a great deal about Kennedy's campaign in 1960 and it's just too complicated to go into now.

"I just really don't care to be very specific. If I was, I would look like an idiot. You'd have to print, in entirety, everything I've read and written."

Blumenfeld indicated the partial scope of his reading by pointing over his shoulder to



Denver Post Photo
SAMUEL L. BLUMENFELD
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rows of mostly paperback books on the shelves in the American Opinion Book Store, 1301 Elati St.

The store is owned and operated by American Opinion of Colorado, Inc., and is part of the national outlet for John Birch Society publications.

Society members who sat in during the interview emphasized the book store wasn't run directly by the society, but that "memberships in both the society and the book store overlap."

Blumenfeld moved on to his thesis regarding the exhaustive investigation by the Warren Commission of Kennedy's assassination in Dallas, Tex., on Nov. 22, 1963 — that the report was "a coverup, not just a whitewash, of the fact that Kennedy's death was engineered by the Communist conspiracy."

The commission found no evidence that Kennedy's murder by Lee Harvey Oswald had been part of a conspiracy — from either the left or the right.

Blumenfeld cited what he called "intentional rigging of estimates of Oswald's monthly financial status" and "a definite overlooking of the fact that Oswald's path of escape was

leading to (Jack) Ruby's apartment" as instances of coverup by the commission.

"Oswald was a trained assassin," he said, "and his job was to kill Kennedy, who was a popular American president, for the Communists so they could cause a reaction against the right that would destroy the John Birch Society.

"Oswald's capture and the subsequent evidence uncover-

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ed about his Communist ties were the only reasons the attempt to make the assassination a rightist-inspired plot failed."

Why did the Warren Commission allegedly slant its evidence to cover the "left-wing conspiracy?"

POLICY PROBLEM

"Simply because if the American people were ever made aware that the Soviet Union was behind Kennedy's

assassination, it would make our policy of coexistence impossible," he said.

It was also Blumenfeld's opinion that Jack Ruby, the Dallas nightclub owner who shot and killed Oswald, "was involved in the assassination conspiracy."

"Ruby killed Oswald," Blumenfeld theorized, "because he was afraid Oswald would crack under the pressure and impli-

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cate Ruby."

Blumenfeld declined to say whether he thought Ruby a Communist and in on the "international" end of the plot, or whether he was just an acquaintance of Oswald's.

"Sorry I can't be very specific," Blumenfeld said. "When you're in my position and dealing with the kinds of problems I am, you just can't take the chance."