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*** ** SHAW TRIAL SET! *** **

The trial of Clay L. Shaw, retired New Orleans businessman, has been set for June 11. The date was set by Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison after many delays, including a last-minute attempt by the defense to obtain a change of venue. Mark Lane, reached in New Orleans, said he expects the trial to last about two months.

GARRISON SUBPOENAS ARCHIVES

NEW ORLEANS (CCI)----D.A. Jim Garrison went to court May 9 in an effort to force the federal government to release the top-secret photographs and X-rays taken during the autopsy on the body of President Kennedy the day he was assassinated.

Garrison issued a subpoena, signed by Criminal Court Judge Edward A. Maggerty, Jr., ordering United States Archivist Dr. Robert H. Bahmer to produce the photographs and X-rays in Garrison's office on May 24 at 9 a.m. All of the controversial material has been ordered by President Johnson to be sealed in the National Archives until the year 2039.

Specifically, Garrison asked in the subpoena for 45 color and black & white photographs and 24 X-rays taken before and during the Kennedy autopsy on Nov. 22, 1963, the day the President was murdered in Dallas.

The D.A. said the material is needed in the Shaw trial because his office has gathered substantial evidence to indicate that Kennedy was struck by bullets fired from three different directions. The photographs will demonstrate, said Garrison, that the fatal head wounds were the result of shots fired from the front of the President's car as he was riding in a motorcade in Dallas.

LOREN HALL TESTIFIES

NEW ORLEANS (CCI)-----Loren E. "Skip" Hall, a Kernville, Calif., bartender, testified voluntarily this week before a New Orleans Grand Jury. Hall earlier had been subpoenaed by Garrison, fought the order in a California court, and won. In an appearance before the governor's extradition secretary secretary, however, Hall reversed his stance and said he had information which possibly could link the slayings of President Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King. He also cited evidence of a conspiracy in the Kennedy murder.

Well-known in California as a right-wing speaker and anti-Castroite Hall said his memory recently was jogged by "certain individuals reminding me of persons I was in contact with in 1963 before the assassination."

Hall also revealed that since his involvement in the Garrison probe became known, there had been three attempts on his life. Once, he said, a car tried to run him off the road, once the front end of his car fell off, and once someone passed him in the hallway of a tavern and injected him with hepatitis virus.

Hall said he remembered a meeting with Edgar Eugene Bradley, another man wanted by Garrison. Bradley, 49, is the West Coast representative of radio evangelist Dr. Carl McIntyre. He refused to answer Garrison's subpoena.

Two other Californians, Dr. Stanley G. Drennan and Clinton Wheat, were subpoenaed by Garrison after Hall testified.

Garrison said both had participated in discussions in 1963 about assassinating President Kennedy. Subpoenas were issued May 13.

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HALL CLEARED BY GARRISON

NEW ORLEANS (States-Item)-----Regardless of what usable information Loren E. Hall may have given Jim Garrison, the D. A. said May 11 that Hall is not personally connected with the events surrounding the assassination of President Kennedy.

"It is apparent that Hall was in no way personally connected with the events...in Dallas," Garrison stated. However, the D. A. charged, Hall's name purposely was injected into the Warren Commission report "so that any effort to investigate the assassination would cause his name to appear."

Garrison said, "Where elements of a professional intelligence agency execute an assassination, as was the case in the murder of President Kennedy, the operation includes not only the setting up of a decoy - like Lee Harvey Oswald - but the creation of artificial leads pointing to persons who are actually not involved."

The D. A. said that although Hall was not connected with the assassination, he is a helpful witness, "because of his extensive experience in anti-Cuban raids from Florida in the early 1960s."

SEER SAYS GARRISON RIGHT

SEATTLE (CCI)-----Jeane Dixon, speaking in Seattle, said she had visited Jim Garrison in New Orleans and found he is on the right track.

The famed seer, who claims to have predicted the assassinations of President Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King, said, "I am sure he is on the right track. Mr. Garrison will show that there were Cubans involved, but influential moneied people inside and outside the United States will discredit him to protect themselves."

"If you read between the lines, I am telling you a great deal," she concluded.

LANE BOOK ON STANDS!

(Ed. Note: Mark Lane's new book is now on sale at Seattle's University Bookstore and elsewhere. Having no better description, we re-print the dust cover notes. Lane, author of RUSH TO JUDGMENT, is the founder of the Citizens' Committee of Inquiry.)

A CITIZEN'S DISSENT: Mark Lane replies to the defenders of the Warren Report, to the press and communications industry, to the Establishment intellectuals and commentators, and tells the often grim story of how his dissent was almost silenced. Holt, Rinehart & Winston, \$6.95.

In A CITIZEN'S DISSENT, Mark Lane, author of RUSH TO JUDGMENT, the provocative critique of the Warren Report, gives an alarming account of how "the American media act when a matter of historic dimensions occurs and when the government takes the very firm position that that which is demonstrably false is true." The book is an explosive summation of Lane's efforts to bring his dissenting opinions before the American public and of the incredible difficulties he encountered in questioning the official view of President Kennedy's assassination.

"If we cannot trust the FBI, the CIA and Earl Warren, God help us" declared Melvin Belli during one of his debates with Lane. Lane is inclined to believe that we may well need God's help - not only to discover the truth of the president's murder, but also to maintain our rights to free speech and a free press. Determined to speak out about the tragedy during the two years of "great silence" immediately following the assassination, Lane tells of the obstacles he had to overcome to publish his controversial ideas, to appear on radio and television to talk about them, and even to find someone to publish a book that eventually became a nationwide number one best seller -- RUSH TO JUDGMENT.

He describes the mysteriously canceled debates on "personality" shows, the frustrations of "staged" debates, and the debates "which never occurred", such as the one with Melvin Belli, covered by vast arrays of reporters in New York and not reported in any newspaper.

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A CITIZEN'S DISSENT (Continued)

Lane also gives a fascinating account of the personal harassment he underwent, typified by the disturbing "tails" of FBI men and by one midwestern congressman who, in order to avoid a confrontation with Lane accused him of "heinous crimes". Here, too, are the stories of the men courageous enough to let him speak out, men like Barry Gray in New York and Mort Sahl on the West Coast.

In challenging the Warren Commission Report and its theory of the lone assassin, Lane was confronted first with indifference and then massive opposition on the part of almost the entire vast communications industry of America, the newspapers, the news magazines, and the major television networks.

The ever-growing number of Americans who now disbelieve the validity of the Warren Report may well be echoing the questions Lane asks in A CITIZEN'S DISSENT: Are we afraid of troublesome questions? Are the implications that flow from the conspiracy to assassinate President Kennedy better ignored? What is it that paralyzes the thought processes of men who are charged with public responsibility? Lane's book is a startling record of a man who has raised these questions and who demands convincing answers to them now, while there still is time to preserve the integrity of a free society.

"WHITEWASH" AUTHOR SUED BY REFUGEE

NEW ORLEANS (States-Item)-----Dr. Carlos Bringuier, a Cuban refugee, filed suit for \$1 million damages against Saga Magazine, writer Harold Weisberg and the publisher of Weisberg's book, WHITEWASH-A REPORT ON THE WARREN REPORT.

The suit charged that the magazine in April 1967, printed parts of the book in an article. Bringuier's petition alleges he was defamed in statements saying he was a former Castro government official in Cuba until his defection, that he disguised this to the degree possible during sworn testimony before the Warren Commission, and that although he identified himself as salesman and manager of the Casa Boca in New Orleans, he was in fact an owner.

Further, said the suit, Bringuier was defamed by the story which said that on his arrival in New Orleans in 1961 he was a delegate of the Cuban Revolutionary Council, and that he is an enemy of the United States who hates the United States more than he does Russia.

Actually, said the petition, Bringuier is avidly dedicated to the cause of freedom in the Americas and is wholeheartedly a patriot of this country as evidenced in part by documents presented to him by the Christian Crusade and the Information Council of the Americas.

***** RENNAR REVIEWS CRITICS *****

By George E. Rennar

Meagher, Sylvia, ACCESSORIES AFTER THE FACT, Bobbs-Merrill, 1967.

Rumor has it that Sylvia Meagher knows the 26 volumes of Warren Commission testimony and exhibits better than anyone. Reading this book would tend to remove any doubt on that score. It is, in effect, a one-volume encyclopedia on the assassination. Every topic fairly disputable from the printed record is here, with extensive quotations from the evidence. It is well organized and quite readable. It also is thorough.

The author has brought to her task a mastery of the subject and an ability for careful work. She also has a flair for interesting statistics. Where else would you learn that .0000005 per cent of the population has bought the 26 volumes, or that 40 of the nearly 75 policemen present at Oswald's murder knew Ruby?

Published in 1967, ACCESSORIES both benefits and suffers from being relatively late in the field. On one hand, the author had the benefit of earlier research, and of the polemic over earlier works. Therefore, the book contains little stabbing in the dark. However, the market was not as open as before, so ACCESSORIES is not as well known as it should be. This reviewer respectfully suggests that the reader of this review could do his part to remedy that situation.

If students of the assassination could keep only one book on the subject, some could be disposed of with little thought and few regrets. Not so with ACCESSORIES AFTER THE FACT.

NOTE NEW MAILING ADDRESS

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"Before my term has ended, we shall have tested whether a
nation organized and governed such as ours can endure. The
outcome is by no means certain. The answers are by no means
clear." -John F. Kennedy, May 29, 1917 - November 22, 1963

WASHINGTON CCI ACTIVITIES

In a recent telephone conversation with State Chairman Edd A. Jeffords, Mark Lane indicated he would be in the Seattle area to speak sometime during June. The exact date will be published in next month's newsletter. Lane currently is on a national speaking tour.

-Washington CCI has received a firm offer of \$500 to bring Lane's movie, RUSH TO JUDGMENT, to Seattle and Tacoma. Arrangements now are underway.

-The CCI library of books, clippings, articles and tapes is available to members. Contact us for more information. All borrowed items must be returned promptly so others may use them.

-Any group or organization wishing to schedule a speaker on the assassination and investigation may contact the CCI Speakers' Bureau. Speakers are available without charge, but dates must be scheduled well in advance.

-A weekly summation of news from New Orleans is sponsored by the CCI on KRAB-FM (107.7). Programs normally are aired at 6 p.m. each Monday, although interviews and specials are listed in the program guide available by writing: KRAB: 9029 Roosevelt Way NE., Seattle, 98115.

-News of the Garrison probe may be obtained by subscribing to the New Orleans States-Item. Articles also appear in the L.A. Free Press and occasionally the Seattle Helix.

-The Washington CCI is operated by donations from interested persons. It takes money to keep any organization running, especially when large mailings are involved. If you wish to keep this channel of information open, please send contributions, of any size, to the CCI, P.O. Box 222, Tacoma, Wash. 98401. Many persons already have contributed, but regular donations are needed to support the organization. FORUM is printed and mailed free of charge.

-Interest has been expressed in forming an area CCI group in Tacoma. If you are interested, please write.

U.W. CHAPTER FORMED

A University of Washington chapter of the Washington State CCI was formed May 2. George Rennar is acting chairman and Arval Morris, professor of law, is faculty advisor.

The role of the campus chapter is twofold: To organize the large amount of potential support existing on campus, and to use the influence and contacts of members to bring to the attention of the community that serious problems do exist.

Plans call for the new chapter to stage a debate with a commission supporter and bring speakers to the campus.

WHAT CAN THE INDIVIDUAL DO?

1. Scan the local press. Send us a copy of any story connected with the assassination for our library.
2. Ask radio commentators and local editors if they might broadcast or print suppressed news.
3. Tell your friends about the CCI and ask your local bookstores to carry the works of the commission critics.
4. Read the Warren Report, then read RUSH TO JUDGMENT, WHITEWASH and other critical works.
5. Question your congressmen on their attitude toward a new investigation of the assassination. Make your voice heard.
6. Circulate petitions calling for a new investigation by qualified, non-government investigators (available free from CCI).
7. Support the Citizens' Committee of Inquiry. The necessary evil that keeps us operating is money.

"When Kennedy died, a lot of things in this country died with him. Today, the U.S. government is moving toward a totalitarian society and is marked by continuous lies."
-Mark Lane

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