

A BULLETIN TO ALL "RIGHTWING ANARCHISTS" AND OTHER LIBERTARIANS  
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In October of 1967, months before I was "hereby commanded" to go to New Orleans and testify in the Garrison probe, Jim Garrison told a friend of mine that he "fully understood" my libertarianism. And notwithstanding his resort to the use of coercive State powers, Mr. Garrison has styled himself "a conservative libertarian" and said that his sympathies are always with the individual against the State.

In November of 1967 Garrison charged privately that I worked for the CIA and had also worked for racist Conservative, Kent Courtney - not mentioning that my employment for Mr. Courtney had been an assignment from a temporary employment agency and that it had lasted only a few days in 1961 or '62 and that it had turned me off of Conservatism quite thoroughly.

When I went to New Orleans to testify, Mr. Andy "Mu-mu" Scianbra, the investigator assigned to my case, characterized me as "some kind of rightwinger." Assistant DA Jim Alcock once revealed that he thought it credible that I may have at one time worked passing out leaflets for Birchers.

I explained several times to them that I am neither a traditionalist nor a nationalist nor a racist -- that I oppose the John Birch Society and what passes today as political Conservatism. I went on to say that I am a "rightwinger" in so far as I favor individualism, but that my rightism is more anarchistic than authoritarian. They looked at me blankly, not seeming to hear.

As Richard N. Billings wrote of Garrison in the 22 April 1968 issue of the Miami HERALD, "He has fired incriminating charges in all directions -- at Cuban exiles, neo-Nazis, Southern racists, Texas rightwingers, California Birchers -- to the point that he must believe the conspirators numbered in the hundreds." After my arrest I wondered how the New Orleans DA planned to cash in on my "rightwing" philosophy and at the same time advance the notion that I would have accepted employment from an authoritarian group like the CIA or conspired to assassinate a President with members of the reactionary right. I finally concluded that he would either have to argue that my social philosophy is a pose, thus undercutting the incriminating value of my being "some kind of a rightwinger," or make another basic revision in his "solution" to the assassination.

A California Conservative named Loran Hall recently went to New Orleans and cleared himself with Garrison. While he was there, the Lyndon Johnson of Louisiana obviously gave him the "Garrison treatment." In an interview in the 24 May 1968 issue of the Los Angeles FREE PRESS he reports that Mr. Garrison had "a voice that you knew was that of a man of intelligence and compassion..."

Hall also says that he learned that the assassination "was precipitated by the Fascists and the rightist anarchists and that actually they are one and the same." He also says, "I firmly believe that the rightist anarchists and the CIA can take over our country right now and it would be a Fascist state except for two things." What two things? "They would have to destroy organizations such as the John Birch Society and bring discredit upon it..."

The other thing that is in their way is a man, a big man, a giant of a man by the name of Jim Garrison..."

How do you intellectually bridge the gap between individualist anarchism and the CIA? Mr. Hall says, "If the Government can kill then we have an

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