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WAS PRESIDENT KENNEDY MURDERED BY A LONER?

If not, who shielded his accomplices? And why?

BY GLENN O. YOUNG

THE 27 VOLUMES popularly known as the Warren Report, sold and circulated to those who want the full set from the U.S. Superintendent of Documents at Washington, contain 15 volumes of the testimony of witnesses, beginning with that of Marina Oswald. She appeared in Washington meticulously groomed and decked out like a prima donna on exhibition at a country fair; testified in all four days. She'd been carefully conditioned or coached concerning her testimony while in "protective custody" of the U.S. Secret Service.

Judge Warren himself showered her with manifestations of concern for her personal comfort and welfare. Even the lies she had told and admitted were treated with such indulgence that when she departed news reports quoted her as sweetly purring that Judge Warren was as kind as her own grandfather. Just which grandfather she meant was not made clear. The identity of her own father, even his name, is shrouded in secrecy. One witness calling himself George S. DeMohrenschildt, whom we shall consider later, thought her baby looked like Khrushchev.

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Was this strange Communist spouse of Lee Oswald in our midst actually being rewarded and elevated in public esteem for concealing the attempt to murder General Edwin A. Walker, preventing, as she claimed she did, the murder of former Vice-President Richard Nixon, and for destroying and attempting to conceal evidence relating to the assassination of President Kennedy? Circumstantial evidence which is clear beyond doubt and undenied convicts Lyndon Baines Johnson and Earl Warren or their subordinates of doing exactly that. Subordination of perjury by others is considered a crime.

Nothing could more surely evidence national degeneration than the paroxysms of organized public wailing that followed immediately the assassination of President Kennedy. It's a well-known stratagem of underworld gangsters to be first at the funeral with the most flowers; loudest in professions of sympathy to the bereaved widow and next of kin of victims of their crimes. Secretary Rusk declares that *Khrushchev* was the first to sign the book of condolences at the Embassy, and that there were "tears in the streets of Moscow."

It was no ordinary day when Martin, Marina's hand-picked "Business Agent," appeared to testify. The Chief Justice, in person, Senator John Sherman Cooper, Representatives Hale Boggs and Gerald R. Ford, and Allen W. Dulles, all attended. Also present were J. Lee Rankin, General Counsel, Norman Redlich, his assistant. Then comes Paul W. Leech, Counsel to Martin, Charles Murray and Charles Rhyne, observers and Dean Robert G. Storey,

Special Counsel to the Attorney General of Texas.

Hearsay Evidence

Then note this: *All the testimony of James Martin relevant to any possible conspiracy to murder the President is hearsay.* What he knows he claims he learned in long conversations with Marina Oswald, who, it is elsewhere elaborately developed, couldn't speak English; Martin had no slight ability to speak or understand Russian!

There is in Martin's strange role one very significant fact: *By "happenstance," we suppose, the man selected by the U.S. Secret Service under President Johnson as Marina's Business Agent and Custodian was acquainted on a first name basis with Jack Ruby.*

Ruby had been a patron of the very hotels, both of them, where Marina had been in hiding; and what's more, Martin, Marina's agent, *had been a patron of Ruby's striptease joint!* That a hotel manager and a pimp running a nude girlie show may have much more in common than either would admit could be possible but "Granddaddy" Warren would never suggest as much, benevolent and trusting soul that he was!

It's all so casual. Such an innocent set of circumstances! The climax comes when Marina herself, (with no suggestion from anyone of course), writes a carefully phrased personal letter recommending clemency for the man who murdered her husband, her agent's friend, Jack Ruby! The original of this letter was in Martin's custody when he appeared to testify. The significance of that circumstance escaped Earl Warren and all his helpers. How? Why?

The letter, beautifully written, and dutifully translated, is made an exhibit by L.B.J. Warren Commissioners to their report. Marina had such a tender heart! Or did she? And how is all this competent, relevant or material to the question of whether she helped Oswald murder John F. Kennedy? And possibly many another, not excluding Medgar Evers?

Said Martin of Marina: "She left my

home the day after she got back from Washington. Naturally, it was not necessary to guard or coach her any longer!"

It's Martin who tells how Marina told him that she once prevented Lee from murdering Richard M. Nixon by locking Oswald in the bathroom all day! Earl Warren was over eager to accept what the comrat spouse of an assassin said after both Kennedy and Oswald were dead. He was equally ready and eager to brand numberless witnesses whose testimony refuted the conclusions he reached as unreliable. What does this circumstance reveal concerning Warren's objectivity or an investigator of crime?

Fabricated Testimony

Martin's own testimony has all the earmarks of having been prefabricated. His own testimony is far less credible, overall, than that of Marina herself.

To anyone really concerned with facts and possessing ordinary intelligence, the results if not the purpose of such strategy is clear. Nixon and his friends won't criticize Marina for Marina emerges from Warren's Commission as the brave girl who once saved Nixon's life!

The plot itself lacks originality. It was lifted from early American history which records how Pocahontas, an Indian maid, intervened to prevent her angry father from chopping off the head of Captain John Smith. For this, Pocahontas, too, became a ward and hostage in the camps of her father's adversaries.

Marina Oswald emerges from Warren's hands, having earned the gratitude of all "liberals" on earth by protecting Oswald from exposure as the man who tried to murder Edwin A. Walker! In anyone else concealing a felon and a felony would constitute a crime.

The Kennedys as well as L.B.J. and Khrushchev, all beyond doubt, wanted Walker, who was a major hazard to their political future, liquidated. They'd tried to liquidate him via a government insane asylum in Springfield, Mo. and failed. Had not Marina, bless her little comrat soul, tried to help Oswald do one good murder?

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The invention, if such it was and seems, served the Bolshevik network in many ways. It made for Marina and Ruby's friend, her "Business Agent," James Martin and his accomplices, fame and money, \$132,000 and more, he claims, *in advances alone!*

U.S. General Edwin A. Walker's assailant is exposed at last! Since he is dead, to lay any number of murders on Lee Oswald, the loner, does him no harm, and shields everyone else, including, of course, Jack Ruby, from suspicion.

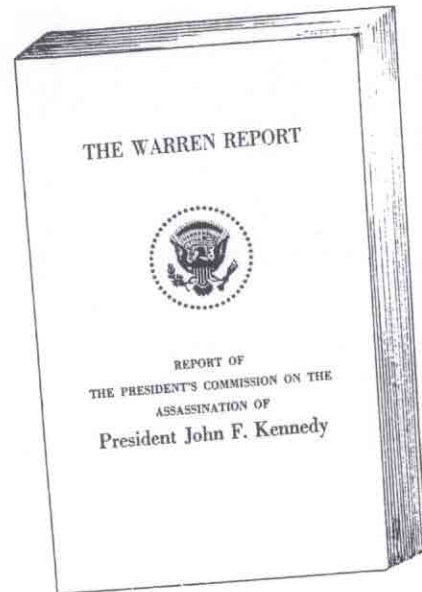
Ruby, also, had some distinction as a rifleman in the armed services of the United States.

Planned deception of the public is a stratagem in which "Masters of Deceit" have long experience. They make it a profession. It's part of the "Cold War." Supreme Judge Earl Warren and his helpers were possibly appointed because of long experience in what liberals consider are "proper" methods of dealing with the modern world's masters of the criminal arts.

George S. DeMohrenschildt

Warren's treatment of a very important witness identified as George S. DeMohrenschildt deserves most careful study.

A familiar tactic of shysters is to bury the damaging facts under such a mass of irrelevant details they either appear of no consequence or are never discovered at all. To such operators within our Courtrooms the more damaging the facts, the greater the effort to obscure them. It's for this reason that evidence in the course of judicial proceedings is normally confined to what's competent, relevant and material. Warren's complete disregard of such wise and prudent rules, the while proceeding to offer and receive or exclude evidence as though conducting court, leads the astute reader to search carefully in an effort to discover what Warren's men appear to have been determined to hide. Items like the fact that Lee Oswald slept with his mother until he was 10 years old, though interesting, seem too remote to throw light on the question of who was and who was not



involved in the murders in Dallas. With these obvious facts in mind, let's return to Warren's handling of the witness: George S. DeMohrenschildt.

The index to the Warren Report, at page 487, describes George S. DeMohrenschildt as an "intimate" acquaintance of the Oswalds in Texas.

The Commission adopts DeMohrenschildt's version of what's so casually passed over as the "Walker incident."

Marina said that following the effort to murder General Edwin A. Walker, April 10, 1963, "... the DeMohrenschildts came to visit us, and as soon as he (DeMohrenschildt) opened the door, he said: 'Lee, how is it possible that you missed?'"

His conduct clearly indicated that DeMohrenschildt knew it was Oswald who had shot Walker with intent to kill. He and his current spouse had paid a secret visit to one of the many secret hideouts where Lee and Marina were then living underground. It was late at night. It was three days after General Edwin A. Walker was shot by an undisclosed felon then operating in Dallas.

DeMohrenschildt had armed himself with Easter gifts for Oswald's babies, so in case he was apprehended, he'd have an excuse for his visit. Masters of Deceit work like that. It's a stratagem adopted to

beguile good but gullible Americans who suppose that some claimed affiliation with a church (preferably the Quakers) or benevolent organization is conclusive evidence of non-involvement in any sort of criminal conspiracy; particularly the world's worst—The Bolshevik Network.

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Exactly why and how did Lee and Marina Oswald merit and receive so much tender solicitude and concern for their welfare from George S. DeMohrenschildt? Until Oswald attempted to shoot General Edwin A. Walker, DeMohrenschildt hovered over Lee Oswald like a shadow. Was DeMohrenschildt then reporting to the State Department? Or possibly to others interested in what the Oswald's were about? On these matters, Warren is silent. His very silence speaks with a thunderous voice to those who are not both deaf and dumb.

Because there are 118 pages of DeMohrenschildt's testimony finely printed, it's impossible here to do more than point out significant highlights from it. Both the witness and the circumstances under which he testified deserve particular attention.

Preliminarily, and for reasons hereafter made quite clear, it will be recalled that after his arrest, Jack Ruby began searching for what he considered a more helpful explanation of his bold and ruthless murder of Oswald. His *res gestae* "to show that a Jew has guts" didn't sound so well after he'd thought a bit. It really didn't take guts to lynch a helpless prisoner in handcuffs, particularly when the very officers to one of whom the prisoner was chained, appear from photographs included in Warren's Report to be obligingly looking away from a man who rushes forward, armed, and is permitted to shoot Oswald in his vitals without a visible sign of objection.

Ruby's new explanation was that he murdered Oswald in order to spare Jackie Kennedy the ordeal of attendance at Oswald's trial for murder. Warren, in his

report, adopts most elaborate methods to make this seem plausible.

Portraying Ruby, whose body showed marks of battles with tooth and claw (he had lost a finger when someone he'd fought with chewed it off) as a sentimental and gallant soul, so overwhelmed with grief at the death of President Kennedy that he went berserk for three days, so berserk he'd commit murder to spare the bereaved widow the ordeal of appearing as a witness in court, was very difficult, even for Judge Earl Warren. Note that when not serving as L.B.J.'s very own hand-picked and personally commissioned Police Investigator, Warren put on his black robe and resumed his "court work" as the highest judicial officer in the U.S. Government. Earl Warren and he alone could either commit a crime or make a fool of himself without fear of the normal consequences to others.

Anyone with the gumption of a goose, except Warren and his subordinates, wonders why Ruby considered it of such consequence to protect Jackie Kennedy, who, to him, appears to be a complete stranger. Besides, by murdering Lee, Ruby was making Marina a widow—her children orphans. Why was Ruby, who catered to policemen, so unconcerned over the grieving orphans and widow of a patrolman on the Dallas Police Force?

Ruby's Strange Antics

Witnesses who observed Ruby during the three days he was preparing himself psychologically and spiritually and probing for an opportunity to murder Oswald were definitely not helpful to Judge Warren's pet theory. It was hard to attribute to grief and sorrow for Jacqueline, Ruby's antics in promoting the sale of his twist-board, his purchase of a huge quantity of food, gorging himself until his stomach rebelled so violently he "puked," his innumerable telephone calls to strange people and strange places, his almost buoyant attitudes in public, his accurate description of Oswald, his efforts to assume the role of assistant to the local District Attorney, his correcting the D.A. when the D.A. erred in classifying Oswald's alignment pro or con

in Cuban Affairs, and similar items that are hard facts in the record. Besides a number of witnesses denied outright that Ruby appeared more overwhelmed with grief than were others generally. Warren did his utmost to sell that line—let the facts speak what they would. Why?

Before Lee Oswald returned to the United States, he had demanded in writing by a letter from Moscow, post-marked May 16, 1961, full guarantees that he would not be prosecuted "under any circumstances" should he return.

That he had received such assurance is inferable from the circumstance that he did return and was not prosecuted by either civil or military authority. This assurance could well explain his haughty, even defiantly arrogant attitudes, and the fact that he appeared immune from surveillance or the normal restrictions upon others. Both he and his Bolshevik spouse, Marina, appeared objects of special favors at every turn. No ordinary citizen could afford so many places of residence with one for his wife and children, another for himself, so many changes of employment and so much moving from place to place as he did. These many moves were clearly designed to keep his whereabouts secret: Marina's also. Oswald's many aliases served the same purpose; but Warren attached no significance to any such evidence. To the sophisticated, the use of aliases is a hallmark of the Bolsheviks.

No true "Liberal" leftist or collaborator will lightly admit there are such vermin as Communists. Not in this country, or in high places in public authority. It's this official blindness that made the murders in Dallas possible. Communists are all "loners" when asked to identify fellow-travellers. DeMohrenschildt declared he'd never met a Communist in Dallas.

And now let's consider a fact most unique and meaningful indeed: This Russian emigre, George DeMohrenschildt, also came from Minsk, where Marina lived and Oswald was trained. He was considerably more than an "acquaintance of Oswald in Dallas." DeMohrenschildt was definitely linked with the U.S. State De-

partment. At the time he volunteered to appear as a witness, he was indirectly financed and anticipating pay from federally-oriented activities in Haiti. He confidently turned to Warren's lawyer and the State Department for protection and boldly said so. The money involved for anticipated services of dubious value was \$285,000.00.

Had Chief Judge Earl Warren been competent and alert as L.B.J.'s police Commissioner would he not have investigated, among the many speculations and rumors that did occupy his attention and through his report wide circulation, the possibility that DeMohrenschildt was exactly what the so-called *crank* letter said he was?

Could it have been a mere "happenstance" that George DeMohrenschildt, immediately upon immigrating to the United States from Russia via Poland, became a friend of Janet Lea Auchincloss, then Bouvier, mother of Jacqueline Kennedy and of her whole family? DeMohrenschildt swore he did. His testimony is undenied.

The report disregards this evidence completely. Was there some reason for it?

Was it a "happenstance" that DeMohrenschildt and his third ex-wife, Wynne Sharples, had "started a foundation, National Foundation of Cystic Fibrosis in Dallas, of which Jacqueline Kennedy was the honorary Chairman," headquartered in New York, the assets of which had reached two million dollars? The report ignores this undenied and relevant evidence carefully.

Was it mere "happenstance" that in a letter from Haiti to Mrs. Auchincloss written following the Kennedy assassination, DeMohrenschildt expressed the hope that "Marina and her children will not suffer too much"; also a doubt that Oswald murdered the former President? If Oswald didn't, who did? Maybe Oswald was not exactly a loner after all!

Any honest investigator of the murders and attempts to murder in Dallas under all

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these circumstances would have probed deep into some possible conspiratorial connections between George DeMohrenschildt and the Oswalds. General Edwin A. Walker, who was examined by deposition before an Assistant Attorney, urged the Commission to look into DeMohrenschildt's possible connection.

"Immunity from prosecution under any circumstance," demanded by Oswald from Moscow before he returned could well explain why the attempt to murder General Edwin A. Walker on April 10, 1963, remained both unsolved and, like the murder of Warren's own father, officially forgotten. The Warren Report is used as a vehicle to utter and reiterate the Red inspired hate line that Walker is a fascist—that his murder would be in the public interest! Small wonder that with Earl Warren as judge, General Edwin A. Walker was by the U.S. Supreme Court denied the damages awarded him under the law of the land by the courts and juries in his suit for damages for libel against the A.P.!

Gen. Walker Was a Political Hazard

The Kennedy's, for sound political reasons, had seemed determined to liquidate Walker as a political hazard before time came for Jack Kennedy to meet the people in a campaign for re-election. Their own desperation could not be made more graphic than by the frantic and despicable means Robert Kennedy, then Attorney General, and Nicholas De Katzenbach, his assistant, had used to take Walker in custody on trumped-up charges, deport him from the jurisdiction of the committing federal court, without opportunity to be released on bond, and lock him up in an insane asylum.

Oswald appeared to proceed with utmost confidence in every step he took until a local police officer, J. D. Tippitt, was in the process of taking him in custody. That was not according to plan, and Warren's

unhappiness over this is most obvious. The "speculation and rumor" that Tippitt, who lost his life in the honorable discharge of his duty, was somehow involved in the murder plot against Kennedy is a foul and indefensible fabrication unsupported by any competent evidence, direct or circumstantial. It should be stricken from the public records with apologies to the wronged widow and children. A local policeman was on the last line of our national defense and lost his life in an effort to arrest Lee Harvey Oswald as Oswald hurried along toward Ruby's residence, perhaps to find out what had gone wrong in the plan for him. Without this sacrifice, Oswald and Ruby both might now be laughing at us from the streets of Havana or Moscow.

If DeMohrenschildt holds the key to the political future of many men in public life, as seems most plausible, could that explain his \$285,000.00 contract with impoverished Haiti—and the deference, almost amounting to reverence—shown him when he condescended to have his deposition taken and that of his wife also? He began by making strange demands premised, in effect, upon a certain knowledge that he would be exonerated—as he was.

Here it's appropriate to inquire: Why would Oswald be designated to murder Kennedy, for whom he is portrayed as having respect and admiration? Earl Warren, friend of the underworld who in his strategic spot as Chief Justice appears working overtime on schemes to obstruct public justice by freeing felons and preventing their apprehension and punishment, *could find no motive for the murder of Kennedy by Oswald.* Obedience to orders by a young Communist on his way up—not yet a full fledged party member but trying to qualify, with both Marina and DeMohrenschildt there to watch and report, may conceivably explain the motive for the attempt to murder General Edwin A. Walker—and the murder of Kennedy also.

Fifty Years of Political Assassinations

BY JAMES J. MARTIN

Some Americans have become much perturbed over the subject of political assassinations in recent months. The principal cause has been the vast publicity given to the efforts of the Senate Committee headed by Frank Church of Idaho which has been investigating the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). We have been treated to Sen. Church's tremulous and breathless expostulations on radio and TV, the latter accompanied by nervous finger exercises, mainly over the possibility that the deep cover activities of the USA's massively financed and globally dispersed super-spy agency during the regency of Pres. John F. Kennedy involved plots to assassinate Soviet Russia's political harlequin diversion in the Western Hemisphere, Fidel Castro of Cuba. Sen. Church has shown no accompanying concern over the subsequent assassination of Pres. Kennedy himself. The presumption may be that the entire story is in the record with respect to the latter.

To round things out, ex-governor of California Ronald Reagan, in one of his radio spots, charged that Adolf Hitler introduced political assassination to the modern world scene. Whatever the quality of Mr. Reagan's performance, this primarily indicated that those preparing his material have little knowledge of or use for history, even that of recent times. The record shows that the Hitler regime engaged in no assassination enterprise at all, but was itself the object of a number, both before and during World War II, including the botched attempt on Hitler himself, on July 20, 1944.

What ex-Gov. Reagan's researchers might have done for him, in view of his

pedigree as a "conservative," was to have provided him with chapter and verse on the scores of assassinations carried out by various agencies of Communist Russia, the state which long ago brought political assassination to the level of a science. Included in this has been the repeated charges of contriving of sensational "suicides," usually involving falls from windows of high buildings or alleged self-inflicted gunshot wounds. Another ploy has been kidnappings and the subsequent permanent disappearance of the victims, a somewhat less sensational but just as effective means of removing obstreperous or "non-cooperative" anti-Communist public figures of one sort or another, including defectors.

Matteotti and Villari

Leftist "anti-fascists" of all stripes, especially Soviet fellow travelers, for several decades managed to make much political hay out of two political assassinations which they charged to their hated adversaries, Benito Mussolini and Adolf Hitler. In neither case does the evidence support them, but their fanciful yarns have long been entrenched nevertheless. The first involves the kidnapping and subsequent death of Giacomo Matteotti in Rome, June 10, 1924. Matteotti, a Socialist member of the Chamber of Deputies, known as a sympathizer with Italy's enemies in World War One, was also a wealthy landowner, not a proletarian toiler, as his political affiliations suggested.

Luigi Villari points out in his *Italian Foreign Policy Under Mussolini* (New York: Devin-Adair, 1956), that Matteotti's

is to be noted that this planned "convergence" to "shut down the government" had been well organized weeks ahead of time, and official Washington and its law enforcement agencies forewarned. Typical of such warnings was a *Chicago Tribune* article, CAPITOL ATTACK SET BY RADICALS, by Willard Edwards, who warned in detail of May-Day protest plans. Similarly, Anthony Harrigan wrote extensively on the subject and the May 19, 1971, *Congressional Record* reprinted his article, A STAB IN THE BACK, in which he warned, in part:

"... Unfortunately, the reading and viewing public hasn't been given the information needed to grasp the character of the protest groups... representatives of more than 100 militant organizations, including the Student Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam and the Socialist Workers Party... endorsed by a New Left element in Congress, Mrs. Martin Luther King Jr., Americans for Democratic Action, and extreme left-wing factions in the labor movement."

Harrigan reported that guiding lights were David Dellinger and Rennie Davis, convicted in the Chicago conspiracy case, hard-core leftists such as Sidney Lens and Terry Hallinan, and such groups as the Clergy and Laymen Concerned about Vietnam, the American Friends Service Committee, the Fellowship of Reconciliation and the War Registers League—the more militant "peace" groups participating in the May-Day demonstrations in cooperation with such radical groups as the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, National Welfare Rights Organization and Cesar Chavez's United Farm Workers Organization Committee. He contended that

"The public simply hasn't been provided with the facts about the individuals and groups masterminding the demonstrations. ... Instead ... has been exposed to endless stories about the "vets" marching in Washington ... The protests don't just happen. They are planned ... If the peace and security of this country is to be assured, the organizational methods of the

New Leftists must be exposed and explained."

In light of current "investigations" of our FBI and CIA, and the hint that to "investigate" members of Congress is a trespass of their rights, should we not, as law-abiding Americans, ask the question: "Who were the Congressmen willing to address a gathering of this type of protestor, aiding and abetting this type of insurrection, as announced ahead of time by the protestors?" After all, the FBI and the CIA are duly designated investigative bodies to protect us from subversion from within and without!

The People Want to Know

And some people are asking, "Who comprised this jury which awarded \$12 million to insurgents?" Others would like to know the identity of each and every one of the 1,200 "winners." Some are wondering, too, why the "Watergate defendants" were denied a change of venue when they expressed concern that they might not get a fair trial in predominantly Black Washington, D.C., and noting the composition of the initial grand jury. Many had strongly supported the civil rights movement in the South, arguing that Negroes there were entitled to "integrated" juries.

Is it too much to ask that all Americans be equally protected under the law, pay equally for crimes committed, and be equally rewarded where reward is due?

In Idaho, many with old-fashioned ideas as to justice, are presently aghast at the humiliation and sentence meted out to their duly elected Congressman George Hansen. He had acknowledged his error in filing a late return and another on the wrong form, and was duly elected thereafter. But his "misdemeanor" (acknowledged to have been committed by several thousand) brought him a prison sentence—at first commuted to two months and finally suspended after hundreds of outraged Idaho voters, demanded justice.

Let the punishment fit the crime, if our country is to remain the bastion of freedom and justice it was designed to be from the very beginning of our Republic!

abduction was carried out by persons unconnected with the Mussolini government, on their own initiative, and that Matteotti died of a tubercular hemorrhage while struggling with his kidnappers. So he was not a victim of an assassination in any proper sense. What the left accounts neglect to point out is that the persons involved were tried and most of them convicted and jailed. One of them, Dumini, was tried a second time in 1947 by an "anti-fascist" court and again sentenced, to life in jail, for the same offense. (One stood a far better chance of decent treatment in an Italian court in the Mussolini days than in most of the other countries in Europe. One of Mussolini's most implacable enemies, Gaetano Salvemini, was acquitted of charges in Florence in 1925 and allowed to leave the country by his own choice. The Mussolini regime also permitted to flourish unhampered in Italy throughout the whole era the likes of Benedetto Croce and Bernard Berenson, as did Gertrude Stein and Pablo Picasso under the Germans in Paris during World War Two. One can imagine how long Ezra Pound would have survived in Moscow in any of those years.)

Engelbert Dollfuss

The other universally exploited incident of this kind was the shooting of the Austrian Chancellor, Engelbert Dollfuss, in Vienna on July 25, 1934. Those involved were demonstrably members of the Austrian National Socialist movement, but charges were made immediately that they had acted at the urging of their German neighbors in Berlin. Not only was it never established that the Hitler regime had anything to do with this incident, but the action was officially deplored and any relation with those involved was disavowed. It was a little humorous to watch leftists of all persuasions bellowing in dismay over this case (Dollfuss' family was vacationing with Mussolini in Italy when the former was shot), when a few weeks earlier they had been denouncing Dollfuss as immeasurably worse than Hitler, especially after he had destroyed the Austrian Socialist movement in February, 1934. It was at this time that Dollfuss had

units of the Austrian artillery shell and destroy the elaborate Socialist housing complex in Vienna, the Karl Marx Hof. Even the ponderous establishment tome *An Encyclopedia of World History*, admits that the shooting of Dollfuss was "probably accidental" (1948 ed., p. 1007). (This work was edited and compiled by William L. Langer, Coolidge Professor of History at Harvard. Langer was also co-author of the two most elaborate book-length apologies for Roosevelt's pro-war maneuverings between 1937-41, both published under the auspices of the Council on Foreign Relations, as is stated on their title pages. During the war he was Chief of the Research and Analysis Branch of the Office of Strategic Services, or OSS, the direct ancestor of the CIA; Langer also served as the prestigious Assistant Director of the CIA after it was created.)

King Alexander and Barthou

Two other sensational assassinations in 1934, that of King Alexander of Yugoslavia (and his host, the French Foreign Minister, Jean Louis Barthou), in Marseilles October 9, and of Sergei Mironovich Kirov, member of the Russian Politburo, in Moscow on December 1, had far different motivations. That of Alexander was blamed on dissident Macedonian and Croatian revolutionaries in his own country, though it was obvious that Yugoslavia was moving toward the German orbit and away from that of France in earlier months of that year. The shooting of Kirov, considered second only to Leon Trotsky as a Communist orator, and a ferocious Red boss, is still a mystery, though Stalin's part has grown increasingly large in this. One should read especially the chapter on it in Hugo Dewar's valuable book, *Assassins at Large* (London: Wingate, 1951). There are few sources as comprehensive on Stalinist assassination adventures around the world up to the time of publication as Dewar's book.

The case against the Nazis as the innovators of political assassination is built speciously around sensational political

killings in the turbulent post-World War One years of 1919-1922 in Germany. But the evidence is not to be found, and the NSDAP, barely in existence at the time, can be implicated by only the most fanciful fabrications. The assassination of the socialist revolutionary Kurt Eisner on February 21, 1919 was by the hand of elements seeking to restore the monarchy in Germany. Those of the Weimar politician Matthias Erzberger (August 29, 1921) and Walter Rathenau (June 24, 1922) are commonly credited to "reactionary nationalists," but the latter were a numerous and diverse lot in those wildly disturbed years of disorder and upheaval, when Germany was putting up with the preposterous terms of the Versailles settlement, and with the Russian Bolshevism of Lenin and Trotsky peering across from the eastern Polish frontier. And in view of Rathenau's prominent part in the prosecuting of the war on the part of the Kaiser's government, he hardly could be identified with the Left. Those who cite these cases manage to overlook the assassination of the Bolshevik Spartacist leaders Rosa Luxemburg and Karl Liebknecht by their "Majority Socialist" adversaries on January 15, 1919; no "reactionary nationalists" were involved here.

In the era of Nazi ascendancy in Europe, they were the victims of a number of assassinations. Those of the German physicist and political activist, Wilhelm Gustloff, in Davos, Switzerland on February 4, 1936 and the diplomatic functionary, Ernst vom Rath, in Paris on November 7, 1938 touched off international uproars. Gustloff's assassin, one David Frankfurter, considered his act a ceremonial protest against Nazi Jewish policy (it is revealing to note the admission of the Israeli writer Israel Shahak, reprinted in *The Link* [spring issue, 1975, p. S-4] that the Hitlerite Nuremberg Laws were "infinitely more moderate than the 'Gentile' regulations in Talmudic Law"), while vom Rath's assassin, a Polish Jew named Herschel Grynszpan, asserted that his *attentat* was motivated by resentment over his parents being deported back to Poland by the

German authorities. (The logic of this suggests that Poland was far less hospitable to Jews late in 1938 than was Hitler Germany.)

By far the most sensational was the wartime fatal attack on General Reinhard Heydrich in a suburb of Prague, Czechoslovakia by two Czech "specialists" who had been parachute-dropped from a British airplane to achieve this end.

Heydrich's Assassination

A recent book by a defected Czech leftist now in the U.S., one Jan Wiener, *The Assassination of Heydrich* (New York: Grossman, 1969), reveals some key aspects which have drawn no previous attention. Heydrich, the administrator of German-occupied Bohemia and Moravia (Slovakia had split off and formed an independent though short-lived separate state), had been christened in British and Czech emigre political and propaganda circles as "The Hangman," but his killing was not retaliation for his stern and severe rule. And far from being a permanent "oppressor," Heydrich was scheduled to be transferred from Prague on May 27, 1942 to a new assignment in France.

The discovery of this information led to the hastening of the assassination plot (pro-Red Czech politics required the murder of Heydrich in Czechoslovakia) but its achievement was badly bungled that same day, under ludicrous circumstances which nearly killed one of the two assassins as well. Heydrich died of wounds June 4, which led to fierce repressions, all of which were endured by home front Czechs in behalf of the political visions of the emigre politicians in London headed by Eduard Benes. Wiener declares that the pitifully small Czech "underground" were opposed to this stunt, but were overruled by Benes, safe in London, who dreamed of building his reputation as an uncompromising enemy of the Germans with his desired protector, Stalin, by this lethal ceremonial gesture.

That the British were willing to participate so earnestly and fully with this and

many other capers undertaken by leftist "resistance" and "underground" movements in at least 11 other countries in World War Two has aroused much commentary in the last 30 years. Another sensational assassination directly traceable to British propaganda beamed to an "underground" was the repeated exhortation on British radio to Italian Communists to assassinate Giovanni Gentile, an impressive intellectual figure who persistently refused to desert the Mussolini regime. On April 15, 1944 the murder of this famed scholar and philosopher was carried out.

Hussein's Assassination Proposed

A dozen years later there were many wry faces in Italy upon hearing the expressions of horror on the BBC because of the urging by Cairo radio of the assassination of King Hussein of Jordan. But by this time there were emphatic critics in England of the whole policy of encouraging "resistance movements" in World War Two. Captain B. H. Liddell Hart was especially eloquent in pointing out the un wisdom of the wholesale airdrop of vast quantities of automatic weapons, ammunition and explosives on the Continent, 1940-45, which contributed substantially to the dangerous political dislocations of the five years after the war, as well as vicious situations internally during the war.

Probably the World War II era should not be departed before noting still another assassination, that of Admiral Jean Darlan in Algiers on December 24, 1942. This sordid act, wiping out the Vichy government head of French North Africa (Darlan was also commander in chief of the French Fleet) and clearing the way ultimately for the political ascendancy of Charles de Gaulle, has to this day remained a murky and extremely unsatisfactorily explained affair. Apologists for the 'liberators' cast sly, venomous accusations at Darlan, hastily wipe their hands in innocence when questioned as to whether they might have had a hand in it, look on what followed as simple, sheer good luck, and try to sell the notion that Darlan was killed by an agent of a political cult which sought to

restore the monarchy in France! Some idea of the tangled prose and devious diversion weaving an impenetrable cloak over the case are the books by the wartime OSS agents Langer (*see above*), and Peter Tompkins, *Our Vichy Gamble* (1947), and *The Murder of Admiral Darlan* (1965).

The dark shadow over the Darlan affair grows as one examines the ramifications of the pro-de Gaulle elements in England and North Africa in that time. A quarter of a century ago the French naval officer, Admiral Jules Docteur, in his book *Darlan, Amiral de la Flotte: la grande Enigme de la Guerre* (Paris: Editions de la Couronne, 1949), pointed out that the Gaullist courier, d'Astier, who arrived in Algiers from London a few days before Darlan's killing, bore a safe conduct pass signed by Gen. Eisenhower, and carried with him \$38,000 in US dollars. This money was presumably intended to support Gaullist propaganda in North Africa. De Gaulle (whom the British confined to London) and d'Astier were *persona non grata* to Darlan, of course. Though de Gaulle was not permitted to come to Algiers, his supporters among the 'Allies' permitted his agents and spies to come, and to enjoy much leeway.

The shooting of Darlan the afternoon of the day d'Astier was ordered to return to London, and many other details, offer numerous curious inter-relationships. The one time CIA man, R. Harris Smith, in his book *OSS: The Secret History of America's First Central Intelligence Agency* (Univ. of California Press, 1972), describes the frantic hiding of Gaullists all over Algeria by OSS agents after Darlan's death. On another level, the suspicion that General Eisenhower was far more deeply involved in this than the record so far discloses simply will not go away. Neither will the tenacious belief that the American money brought to Algiers by d'Astier, under the protecting cloak of Eisenhower's safe conduct pass, was intended to pay Darlan's assassins.

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Political Assassinations

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The recent assassination of King Feisal of Saudi Arabia and the employment of this kind of political solution in the Arabic world is no grounds for any feeling of superiority among their Zionist adversary. One need only recall the assassinations of Lord Moyne (Walter Edward Guinness), British Resident Minister in the Middle East, in Cairo on November 6, 1944, and of Folke Bernadotte, the UN mediator from Sweden, in Jerusalem on September 17, 1948, both at the hands of the desperado Zionist Stern Gang, and the April 10, 1973 assassination of three Palestinian refugee leaders in Beirut by Israeli "commandos."

And Americans in particular have no grounds for any feigned horror and sentiments of disdain. After all, since 1865, more USA heads of state have been assassinated than of any other country, in the persons of Abraham Lincoln (1865), James A. Garfield (1882), William McKinley (1901) and John F. Kennedy (1963). There are also on the record the attempted assassination of Franklin D. Roosevelt in Miami, Florida on February 15, 1933 and in Washington the famous Blair House shoot-out of November 1, 1950 when Puerto Rican nationalists sought to assassinate Harry S. Truman, in which fracas two others were killed and three wounded, Mr. Truman being elsewhere at the time. In addition there are the nearly successful assassinations of presidential candidates while campaigning: Theodore Roosevelt, shot and wounded October 14, 1912 in Milwaukee, and the celebrated attempt on the life of George Wallace in 1972. (During several years' residence near Chicago this writer heard it asserted several times that the victim of the assassin's bullet in the Miami *attentat*, Mayor Anton Cermak of Chicago, Illinois, and not FDR, was the intended target in the first place.)

Mussolini and Trotsky

Probably the most dramatic assassinations in this century have been those of

Mussolini by Italian Communists, on April 28 or 29, 1945 and of Trotsky, in Mexico City by an agent of the Soviet GPU (known variously across the years also as the NKVD, MVD and KGB), on August 20, 1940. Mussolini appears to have been shot in the back by a four-man Communist gunman squad somewhere near Dongo in northern Italy and his body carried to the ritual spot which Communist folklore celebrates as the death scene. The precise details of this still evade us (essential to an understanding of this matter is Chapter III of the book by F. J. P. Veale, *War Crimes Discreetly Veiled* [New York: Devin-Adair, 1959], "The Murder of Mussolini"), but the particulars attending Trotsky's killing are long established, undoubtedly the carrying out of a death sentence *in absentia* pronounced upon him at the 1938 Moscow purge trials. Usually overlooked in this narrative is an aborted attempt upon Trotsky's life, independently planned by the Mexican Communist Party earlier in the same year, on May 24, during which Trotsky's guard and secretary, one Robert Sheldon Harte, was murdered. But among the survivors of Trotsky's massacre of millions in Russia between 1917 and 1927, there were few mixed emotions upon learning of *his* demise.

GPU assassinations of Red defectors and adversaries in the USA have long been documented, the most memorable being those of Walter Krivitsky (Samuel or "Schmelka" Ginsberg) February 10, 1941 in Washington D.C. found shot in a hotel room under circumstances which suggested "suicide," and the gunning down on a New York street corner of Carlo Tresca on January 11, 1943. Tresca, an implacable anti-Stalinist leftist, had been a tireless and voluble student of various GPU-implicated kidnappings and "suicides" and was reputedly high on the list of Stalinist-planned "hits." Space restrains extended examination of all the victims of this world-wide Communist assassination and kidnap-murder *apparat*, though it might be appro-

priate before moving on to other things to mention briefly the exploits of the KGB agent Bogdan Stashinsky, the assassin in Munich, West Germany of the leading Ukrainian nationalist emigres, Dr. Lev Rebet, on October 12, 1957, and Stefan Bandera, on October 15, 1959. The subject is examined in meticulous detail by Karl Anders in his book *Murder to Order* (London: Ampersand Books, 1965).

In any case, researchers for Sen. Church and ex-Gov. Reagan might do some homework for their bosses while the former emotes about the CIA plots to do in Castro and the latter lays it all at the doorstep of Hitler. While they are at it they might bring about a full scale review of the situation under which Pres. Ngo Dinh Diem of South Vietnam was assassinated, November 1, 1963 and Pres. Kennedy in Dallas a few weeks later. Many Americans are eminently unsatisfied with the official story on the assassinations of either JFK or his brother Robert in Los Angeles in June, 1968. For that matter there are students who still deeply question the official line on the assassination of Lincoln 110 years ago.

And there are other "suicides," the explanations of which usually arouse far more suspicion than they allay. A rash of them swept through the ranks of the Roosevelt administration in the first few years following the end of World War II; those of Harry Dexter White, Stephen Duggan and ex-Ambassador to England John G. Winant excited much curiosity. Especially mysterious are those of James Forrestal, the USA's first Secretary of Defense, on May 22, 1949, after a fall from an upper floor of a Washington hospital (why was a man of Mr. Forrestal's eminence, diagnosed as a deeply depressed case, not lodged in a ground floor room?), and Danish UN diplomat Paul Bang-Jensen, profoundly interested in the fate of Hungarian refugees from the ferocious Soviet repression of their 1956 uprising, found dead of gunshot with the gun in his hand and suicide note in his pocket, in a New

York City park on Thanksgiving Day of 1959.

These and other cases have generated considerable literature and speculation, all helping to intensify ruminations about modern techniques for disposing of obnoxious political personalities, while avoiding the unpleasanties attending the age-old forthright assassination route. Even children of 12 after a season of television-watching of crime show thrillers can relate the many ways suicide by falls or apparently self-inflicted gunfire can be faked. But it is only on TV that they are exposed. [The most sensational "suicide" in the Communist world was that of Czech Foreign Minister Jan Masaryk by a fall from his second story office window in Prague March 10, 1948, shortly after the Reds had captured the government, thus bringing to a predictable end a decade of cuddling to Stalin on the part of Eduard Benes and the coalition-with-the-Communists Czech liberals. Czech Red spokesmen announced this event (the *New York Times* told its readers Masaryk had died in "a leap from his apartment window") but Masaryk's friends around the world quickly branded it an assassination, which brought to the mind of the historically inclined the famous Defenestration of Prague of May 23, 1618.]

The totalitarian left-liberal ideologues who have set the tone for what it is 'respectable' to think in this land for over 40 years may succeed in turning the CIA people into Sunday-School masters, and the agency itself into an engine which only unseats 'right wing reactionary' regimes such as that of the recently assassinated Rafael Trujillo of San Domingo, but not Communist terrorist regimes such as those of Jacobo Arbenz in Guatemala and Salvador Allende in Chile. But if these double-standard 'moralists' expect assassination to disappear as an operational device in world statecraft, they are also on the verge of hallucinating the vision of the French socialist seer Charles Fourier, of seeing the oceans turn into lemonade.

In the MERCURY'S Opinion

"The Jewish Peril"

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A CONSIDERABLE stir has been caused in the political dovecots of Europe by the publication of an amazing pamphlet, entitled "The Jewish Peril." This pamphlet, which has a sub-head, "Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion," professes to reveal a plot, formulated by a Jewish secret society, for the overthrow of Christendom, and the establishment, through the most lavish expenditure of blood and gold, of a Jewish world despotism of the most intolerant description. It is not possible to read very deeply into this pamphlet before becoming aware that the ideals are those of an old friend. "The Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion," to put it quite briefly, are instinct with the doctrine of Adam Weishaupt, and of the extraordinary organization which played so remarkable and so sinister a part in the French Revolution and in the Terror.

Now, for the moment, it is not necessary to plunge into the thorny question as to whether the Jewish Peril, of today, is as much a delusion of its prophets as was the Yellow Peril, in its day. *What it is important to dwell upon is the increasing evidence of the existence of a secret conspiracy, throughout the world, for the destruction of organized government and the letting loose of evil.* People are apt to smile, with incredulous tolerance, at the mention of the word witchcraft. But witchcraft, when it is understood in the psychology of evil, is not the riding of aged harridans on broomsticks, but the impulse to do evil for the sake of evil in the human consciousness. Now that any person should be desirous of doing evil for the sake of evil seems at first preposterous. And the philosophy of the world exhibits simultaneously its incredulity and its practicality by asking, What is to be gained by it? If, however, the philosopher is to find an objection to the existence of evil-mongering on the basis of the absence of any substantial quid pro quo, he will have to undertake the rewriting of history. History reeks with the expression of crazy sensuality, manifested in crime of every description. It is, indeed, a fact which may as well be taken into consideration, at the beginning of any such inquiry, that sensuality is invariably the backbone of inordinate crime. As the human mind shakes itself free from any regard for Principle, it must, indeed, in the very nature of things, substitute evil for its deity.

Anybody who will for a moment turn to the outpourings of Adam Weishaupt and the Illuminati may satisfy himself of that. The theory that the end justifies the means Weishaupt had inherited from the ex-Jesuits, who had assisted him in organizing his new order. John Robison, who studied the gyrations of this order, in the spurious Masonic lodges of France and Germany, *has summed up its ideals as the obliteration of Christianity; the deification of sensuality; the proscription of property; the abjuration of all religion and morality; the repudiation of marriage, and as a necessary corollary the state adoption of children; universal license; and the wrecking of civilization and giving over of society to general plunder.* It was, in short, through the propagation of such crazy iniquity that men like Rabaud de Saint-Etienne were led to the conclusion that society could only be improved by being first destroyed. "To make the people happy," he declared, in a burst of revolutionary rabies, "their ideas must be reconstructed, laws must

be changed, morals must be changed, men must be changed, things must be changed, everything, yes, everything must be destroyed, since everything must be remade."

Such were the ideals which, in the dawn of the French Revolution, were imparted to Mirabeau by Weishaupt and his fidus Achates, Baron Knigge of Frankfurt-on-the-Main, and adopted in the lodges of the new Free-masonry founded by Mirabeau himself and the unfrocked Bishop of Autun, in the days when the unmentionable Duke of Orleans had succeeded in securing his election as Grand Master of the order, in France. The energies, however, of the neophytes brimmed over, with the result that the Cape Breton Club was founded as a meeting place for the Illuminati Masons; and it was the existence of this Club, better known later as the Club des Jacobins, which accounted for the intimate connection between the philosophy of the Illuminati and the ideals of the Jacobins themselves, in all the horrors which followed.

It is not possible, except at great length, to show how the teaching of Weishaupt found a new exponent, in revolutionary France, in the person of the Prussian, Anacharsis Clootz; and how, when that worthy drove to the guillotine, in one of Robespierre's red tumbrils, the teachings of the Illuminati were preserved and disseminated through the intermediary of the Grand Orient. As a consequence, it is not surprising to find, in the first decade of the present century, Leopold Engels, the head of the revived order, disseminating the unadorned theories of the Illuminati in a book, published in Germany, to be exact, in the year immediately following that in which the "Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion" were first given to the world by Professor Nilus, a minor official in one of the state departments of Moscow.

Whether, therefore, the one is a mere rehash of the other, or whether both are imbibed from the same ideals, is a question which may be argued another time. For the present, it is sufficient to draw attention to the fact that these ideals keep reappearing with a curious and significant regularity, at moments of great political commotion, and exercising an extraordinary and appalling effect upon world politics. For it was the naked theory of Adam Weishaupt, that no scruple was to be permitted to be taken at any evil which would make for the advantage of the order, since the order itself was superior to every other consideration, which was the dominant note of "kultur" in its insistence of the State before morality. It was this theory, more than any one other thing, which brought about the recent world war, and which was used by the military *vehmgericht* to justify all the horrors of German policy, in a way which recalls the famous conversation between Marmontel and Chamfort, in the days of the Revolution, when, in reply to the opinion hazarded by the former that the nation might go further than it wished, the latter replied, "True, but does the nation know what it wishes? One can make it wish, and one can make it say, what it has never thought." There, in naked language, is the whole theory of suggestion as a means to an end, into which scruple is never to be permitted to intrude.

It is perfectly clear, then, that no matter whose may be the responsibility for "The Jewish Peril," the fact remains that the propagation of the ideal of evil for the sake of evil exists as a theory of political degeneracy which can find expression, in high politics, in the most unlooked-for ways and unexpected quarters. The human mind jeers at the theory of mental manipulation, yet prominent politicians, philosophers, and soldiers, are found, at critical moments, giving expression to views of an absolutely non-moral description, which are not in accordance with their behavior in ordinary life. These views are manifestly disseminated mentally, and, unless the victim understands how to protect himself, through a scientific knowledge of what really constitutes Principle, he is liable unconsciously to accept them, and even to act upon them. It is here that the conspiracy of evil against humanity becomes recognizable. Whether it constitutes a "Jewish Peril," is a question for consideration in itself, but that it exists, as a peril, is entirely undeniable.

