

God. Why? a gangster a gambler, owner of a nightclub with entertainment, nakedness and everything, with a reputation as a tough, a killer, managed to place himself in front of the assassin, or better said in front of the supposed assassin, this individual known for what he was by all the police, a gambler, an owner of an imoral amusement center, a man with a record known by these same police. How could these police confuse him with a newspaperman, with a reporter, there were all the policemen knew him perfectly? How could that character remain there passing himself off as a newsman? He fired calmly. And what did he claim later the most ridiculous, the most absurd thing? This gambler, this man of crime? This gangster with a known record declared that he did it to prevent the widow of the President from having to return to Dallas to the trial. It was very difficult to make anyone believe that an act of that type was for revenge, for vengeance against the guilty. If he were the one who was really guilty. The electric chair was waiting for him. How can one believe anyone had tried to take justice into his own hands? This only happens when there is no justice, when the guilty party in a crime that arouses indignation is not punished. In this case they murdered a man for whom the electric chair was waiting. In effect they murdered a dead man, they murdered a dead man. That is what this gangster did. How could he make anyone believe that he did it for emotional reasons?

Never before, perhaps, has a greater scandal been heard. Never before, perhaps, have even in the worst gangsters acted as basely, as stupidly, as scandalously. And this demonstrates that the persons guilty for the death of Kennedy needed and urgently had to eliminate the accused at any cost. They were imperatively required to for some reason. Possibly so that he would not talk. They had to eliminate him, and they calmly eliminated him. Once the alleged assassin was eliminated the Dallas police and Justice authorities declare the case closed, as if it were the matter, not of the President of the United States, but of a dog killed in the street. They declare the case closed within 48 hours. The case was closed when the case was becoming less closeable, when the case was becoming more mysterious, when the case was becoming more suspicious, when the case was becoming more worthy of investigation from the judicial and criminal point of view. I am certain that no judge who acts objectively as such, would close any case under circumstances in which the principle suspect is murdered.

Of course, we carefully read the cables that gave the news of the second assassination, particularly the UPI reports. Immediately, the same emphasis UPI had placed in presenting Oswald as a pro-communist, as a Castro-communist, as a Castro admirer, was placed in presenting this Mr. Jack Ruby as a Kennedy admirer, a great admirer of Kennedy.

The first thing it does, what the UPI immediately begins to do immediately, is to give the version that it wanted, to try to present a case of murder caused by emotion, a case of sentimentalism, patriotism.

The UPI does a poor service to the man who was the President of its country by presenting this gangster, this gambler, this man of vice, this base subject as a great admirer of Kennedy, as such an extraordinary admirer that he was ready to face the electric chair in order to avenge his death; an individual who only exploited vice, gambling, and immorality all his life.

Why come now with those incredible attacks of morality from a depraved and degenerate individual? Why come now with those altruistic feelings? The UPI tried to give that impression in its first cable. They went and questioned his sister and she said that he could not sleep since the assassination of the President. They interrogated the family and elaborated the theory, that is, they interrogated the sister of this Mr. Ruby in order to elaborate the entire theory that it was because of emotional and sentimental reasons. UPI did not hesitate in attributing such a admirer to the murdered President of the United States. How unscrupulous! how dishonest! what a scandal! The same emphasis they used to present the other as an admirer of Castro, they immediately use to present this one as an admirer of Kennedy.

That is how imperialism works. That is how reaction works. That is how they make up their campaigns and their lies but everything appears to indicate that this shot has backfired (applause). There are other reports. The doctors that attended the assassinated President now report that they cannot say for sure that there were one or two bullets which ended his life, and that they cannot establish which are the entry and exit wounds from the bullet or bullets. There is also what Connally said in an interview he granted the newsmen from his bed in the hospital. Among other things he said "what was demonstrated in Dallas was the hate that exists in our society. The same hate that placed a bomb in Birmingham killing five children." That was said by the other wounded man who was with Kennedy.

It is going to be very difficult to continue to dress this doll. It is going to be very difficult to continue to maintain what they have been maintaining. We even think that it is unlikely that there will be no investigation. It is very difficult to conceive that there are not enough North Americans, regardless of their political positions or their ideology, who with an elemental sense of decency, shame, and prestige will demand that events be made clear, that all these strange circumstances be explained.

It will be very difficult, and only at an extraordinary loss of prestige for the United States can those guilty of the assassination be concealed, nor can the true reasons, the true purposes, and the guilty intellectual and organizing authors of the crime remain in secret and in mystery. But they themselves, the ones who forged these plans against peace, against Cuba, against the Soviet Union, against humanity, against the progressive sectors, including the liberal ones of the United States, the ones who were guilty, are very unlikely to remain in secret and mystery until the end.

That is why we should await calmly but not confidently--and not confidently-- so you can see what dangers threaten humanity, what dangers imperil the peoples, what a lack of scruples, how much evil exists, and how much cynicism is embodied in the imperialist society, among the most reactionary elements of that society.. How many dangers, how many sinister plans, that is why I say wait calmly but not confidently because it is one more example, one more lesson.

Meanwhile, let us see how those who organized that maneuver will stew in their own juice, because even the Olympic champions of marksmanship are giving their opinions throughout the world. In any event, our fatherland was threatened once more. We saw how a finger was pointed at us, how weapons of aggression were pointed at us. We saw how they tried to dump a downpour of infamy on Cuba and its revolution. It has been placed in evidence. We have seen the behavior of individual people once more. Our revolution emerges with reason on its side and with a higher sense of morality from this test and from all other tests to which it is submitted, because before the eyes of the world it is clear, and it will be clearer each time, how the U.S. reactionaries wanted to make our country and the world the victims of their criminal designs, even at the price of the assassination of their own president in that country.

This episode more and more resembles an FBI novel, a gangster episode, rather than a political incident. All the circumstances, the scandalous manner with which the two assassinations were carried out, reminds us of the gangster films we saw so many times filmed precisely in Hollywood. Not lacking in the minutest detail, the one in charge of liquidating or lynching the accused was no less than a gambler from Chicago. How will they be able to explain those things to the world? How will those who have proceeded with such lack of respect for world opinion, who have shown such lack of human sensibility, be able to defend that shameful thing? With this I conclude the reference we have been compelled to make to clarify some aspects in connection with those events."