



AUTHOR SAM HOUSTON JOHNSON.

SURFACING When Lyndon Johnson was in the White House he made sure to keep his younger brother, Sam Houston Johnson, under wraps. Sam had a way of getting in trouble from time to time, nothing big, usually financial scrapes involving alleged non-payment of bills. Understandably, the President wanted none of that.

Even when Sam visited the White House and worked with his big brother behind the scenes, the silencer was enforced on his activities.

Once Lyndon departed from the White House, however,

Sam, six years his junior, began receiving offers from various publishers. The most lucrative, an estimated \$100,000, came from Cowles, publishers of *Look* magazine. Sam accepted.

His book, *My Brother Lyndon*, is currently being serialized as a two-parter and will be published in hard back on Jan. 19. It includes an appraisal of Lyndon Johnson's style and working habits and some caustic criticism of the Kennedy dynasty.

It has taken a long, long time for Sam Johnson to surface and make a few bucks.

DEATHLY DECADE Some historian is sure to classify the 1960's as the decade of the demented or the decade of the assassins. It was in the 1960's that John F. Kennedy, Robert Kennedy, and the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. were all killed by the assassin's bullet.

Despite the belief widely held in Europe that each of these assassina-

tions was the result of an elaborate conspiracy, the facts show that each was the work of a "loner."

According to a study in depth completed by Dr. Edward Weinstein, formerly of the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, and Olga G. Lyerly, a psychologist and statistician of the Washington School of Psychiatry, individuals most dangerous to the safety of U.S. Presidents

are generally loners, social misfits from broken homes "who identify with the President in terms of violence and death." Many of these schizophrenics convince themselves that they are true patriots and that their killing is proof of their patriotic heroism.

In the February, 1969, issue of *Psychiatry*, Dr. Weinstein and co-author Lyerly explain in their article, "Symbolic Aspects of Presidential Assassinations," that political killings in this country have almost always been the work of single individuals. One outstanding exception was the conspiracy by Puerto Rican nationalists to murder Harry Truman.

Dr. Weinstein in his research analyzed written and verbal threats to kill the President which were made by 137 men from 1945 through 1965. In assembling a profile of these potential Presidential assassins, Dr. Weinstein came up with the following: 38 percent of these men came from broken homes, 10 percent had been arrested for sexual offenses or deviations, 60 percent had been in mental hospitals, 23 percent were chronic alcoholics, 51 percent had prison records, showing they had committed crimes of violence. Many "had failed to establish satisfactory heterosexual relationships."

BEWARE OF NAMES Why are Americans celebrity-happy? Some psychologists say it's because we've never had a monarchy or a royal class in this country. Others say we are a nation in constant search of father-figures. A third opinion holds that we are excessively gullible and attribute to highly publi-