Wecht Finding Allies In

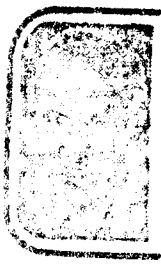
The bandwagon is getting a little crowded.

Cyril Wecht has been on it right from the start. He never did believe what the Warren Commission said about John F. Kennedy's assassination — that it was purely and simply the work of a single lunatic.

The commission's best friends used to [illegible] at the [illegible].

Wecht was [illegible] tell times. Night after night, he would be found addressing an audience somewhere. The federal government allowed him to examine [illegible] copy materials in the National Archives. Not all of it, he discovered, was there.

He persisted in calling attention to the Warren Commission's omissions. His [illegible]



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But the jocular comments and private scorn have abated. "Amazingly so," Wecht observes.

According to the Gallup and Harris polls, two-thirds of the American people no longer take the Warren Commission seriously. Watergate, the social history, Vietnam, has created a [illegible] of cynics.

[illegible] "I think we should [illegible] Intelligence Agency, [illegible] at worst [illegible]

[illegible] clear [illegible] still [illegible] compared to [illegible]

announce that its unfinished investigation of the CIA has revealed no connection between the agency's activities and the blowing away in Dallas of the 35th President.

Articles suggesting otherwise have recently appeared in the New York Review of Books, the intelligentsia's favorite coming lower, and the [illegible] irreverent New Times. They're the latest of many.

Meanwhile, under an amendment to the Freedom of Information Act [illegible] individuals are filing lawsuits [illegible] would force the release of Warren Commission materials the government has been sitting on for years.

Suddenly it's the thing to do. The Bandwagon is getting a little [illegible] and Cyril Wecht wants [illegible] tickets.

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Call For New [illegible]

[illegible] the Dallas police immediately after the shooting.

Behind an untidy desk in the county morgue, Wecht shakes his head at such nonsense.

"All this 'kook' stuff is so harmful because it sets up beautiful straw men for the Warren Commission's apologists and defenders to knock down," he says.

In particular, Wecht is talking about David Belin, once a senior member of the Warren Commission staff.

"What he does when he gets these letters," says Wecht, "he lashes out at them with great effect. Then he says there is no, we have evidence that the Warren Commission was wrong."

Wecht hopes to think that there is [illegible] — something called [illegible] analysis, a highly [illegible] to determine whether bullets have come from the same [illegible]

[illegible] just a few months ago, a [illegible] Warren Commission from [illegible] discloses the existence [illegible] a previously unmentioned neutron [illegible] analysis [illegible] on the assassination [illegible] magazine.

[illegible] published which [illegible] through [illegible] — "the magic bullet," [illegible] — was the bullet that w[illegible] the governor of Texas, John Connally, in three different places, ricocheting or careening the single assassin's single bullet depends on the magic bullet [illegible]

But Poole [illegible] "minor variations [illegible] sufficient" to make a [illegible]

Which was odd, in a neutron activation analysis, any variation in all makes a difference. Wecht and numerous others want to see the analysis for themselves.

They think they are on the verge. Clarence Kelley, Hoover's successor as head of the FBI, has promised Wecht it will soon be available. "Hopefully, I'm first on the list," says Wecht.

Whether Lee Harvey Oswald was a double or triple agent, working for the CIA and the Russians or Cubans or someone else — and whether Jack Ruby [illegible] to [illegible]

[illegible] Dallas [illegible] Now something very [illegible] and all the attention [illegible] the United States people was [illegible] in major [illegible] David Belin [illegible] Dubuque, Iowa, [illegible] a reasonable [illegible]

[illegible] I am pretty satisfied that David is [illegible] because he can be [illegible] on to help control the way the investigation will proceed, especially [illegible] to the Kennedy assassination and any possible CIA cover-up role."

With all due respect to Dubuque, Iowa, this prosecution is not inconceivable [illegible] after Watergate.