

HOBART HEROLD

Weisberg Describes Magic Bullet; Lee Oswald Not The Assassin

by Jim Yovanoff

Few men have been as caustic and bitter towards public authority in the United States as Harold Weisberg showed himself to be during last Friday night's address at Albright Auditorium and later at Pandora's Box. Mr. Weisberg was brought to Hobart through the efforts of Fred Sokol and the IFC to present some of the findings of his own investigation of the Warren Commission's report on the assassination of President Kennedy.

Gross Misrepresentations

After some prefatory remarks in which he noted that the present "college generation has been misrepresented in the press," Mr. Weisberg got down to some much more serious misrepresentation concerning the evidence used by the Warren Commission in its inquiry. Specifically, Mr. Weisberg stated that the Commission's best evidence was either "ignored or misrepresented" in such a way that the "members of the Commission were fed a predigested pabulum" that conformed to the predetermined conception that Lee Oswald killed President Kennedy. Speaking mildly, Mr. Weisberg said that the performance of the Commission's staff (FBI, Secret Service, Treasury Department) which supplied the evidence was not admirable.

Society Must Function

These statements led up to the more important point that society must function. Elaborating on this point, Mr. Weisberg noted how well American society functioned immediately following the assassination in terms of presidential succession and national security. However, society as a functioning unit began to fall apart at the death of Lee Oswald while he was

in the hands of a public authority, an-authority that made his death possible. From this, said Weisberg, we have not recovered.

Such a breakdown carried over into the Warren Commission investigation, the result being that the Federal government lied to the American people and consequently lost the respect of the public. Continuing, Mr. Weisberg stated em-

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phatically, "We must regain our national honor," that the government must apologize by means of a public court trial presentation and consideration of all the evidence linked with the assassination. Mr. Weisberg said that this was more important than finding the real assassin or assassins.

Oswald Not Assassin

Mr. Weisberg firmly believes that Lee Oswald was not the assassin and, furthermore, that no one man could have executed the crime. His conclusions are based on his own examination of the evidence that was either ignored or misrepresented in the Warren Commission investigation. The explanation of some of this evidence, which is fully documented in his books *Whitewash I—the Report on the Warren Commission* and *Whitewash II—The FBI—Secret Service Coverup*, made up the bulk of the evening's presentation.

The most impressive piece of evidence that Mr. Weisberg presented was an Associated Press photo, less than half of which was



Weisberg makes his case.

published in the Commission's report. Many photos, including this one, were only secondary considerations for the Commission; and yet, they supply some of the most conclusive evidence that Oswald was not in the sixth floor window of the Texas School Book Depository where the Commission placed him. The AP photo shows a man who looks like Oswald on the ground floor entrance to the Depository. The Commission claimed it to be one Billy Lovelady, an Oswald look-a-like. However, though conclusive evidence is lacking to prove that the man is Oswald, Mr. Weisberg examined evidence supplied by the FBI which shows the man not to be the Billy Lovelady that the Commission claimed.

Magic Bullet Explained

Mr. Weisberg then spent considerable time explaining the gymnastics of what he calls the Magic Bullet, the bullet that entered the back of Kennedy's neck making a larger wound than its exit in front,

then continuing on to hit Governor Connally in the back, smashing one of his ribs, then smashing his wrist, and finally lodging in his wrist. The bullet that the Commission claims followed this obstacle course is shown to be unscratched and unmutated.

Mr. Weisberg elucidated on several other incongruencies: the existence of three Dallas police radio logs, taped recordings of all police radio calls for the day of the assassination, that are different, contradictory selections purported to be complete; the fact that the day before the assassination the FBI reported Oswald to be "all right;" the impossibility of any man sighting and firing three shots accurately in the time period that the Commission claims that Oswald did.

Many of Mr. Weisberg's statements reflected the bitterness he felt towards various investigation agencies and the sympathy he held for the victims of the Commission's investigation. He told of a Secret Service intrigue with Oswald's wife, Marina, in which she was promised a substantial income if she cooperated with authorities. Mr. Weisberg sees as a miscarriage of justice the questioning of Marina Oswald immediately after her husband's death during which she was coerced and "miserably abused."

Real Killers Cubans?

Finally Mr. Weisberg, in response to one of the many questions asked him, said that some evidence in his possession indicates that the real assassin or assassins may be Cuban refugees dissatisfied over the Bay of Pigs invasion failure. This is now the subject of the New Orleans investigation being conducted by that city's district attorney and also the subject of one of Mr. Weisberg's forthcoming books, *Oswald in New Orleans—CIA Whitewash*.

More Books Coming

In a preview of another book, *Manchester Machiavelli—the Unintended, Unofficial Whitewash*, Mr. Weisberg voiced some harsh opinions concerning William Manchester. Said Mr. Weisberg, if a Nobel Prize is ever given for inaccuracy, Manchester will win it for his own "bastardized Camelot," *The Death of a President*. Mr. Weisberg's chief objections to Manchester's account are based on Manchester's own inaccuracies and on his dealing with so much that is not even connected with the assassination.

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Speaking under the auspices of the Students Academic Committee on the anniversary of the United Nations Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, Mrs. Suzman stated, "It is a sick obsession this country has with race and color, and I say this despite the howls of 'sickly humanists' I receive in Parliament."

Jig-Saw Puzzle

Mrs. Suzman said that the jigsaw puzzle of apartheid was taking place in South Africa as the world slowly but surely had hoped to move away from discrimination based on race or color.

Recent government action against certain South African universities was not to be viewed as an isolated situation, Mrs. Suzman said. She said there were "ominous portents" in current debate on South African higher education.

Temple U. Study Out To Abolish

Philadelphia, Pa. (CPS) — The student newspaper at Temple University may succeed in its campaign to abolish the student government.

The Temple NEWS began an "Abolish Council; Dont Vote" campaign last Tuesday with a front-page editorial claiming that the student government "exists without purpose." The editorial urged all candidates to withdraw from

and not founded upon political or ego-centered motives."

Within two days, two candidates withdrew from the campaign and 864 students signed petitions favoring abolition of SG. The petitioners polled 6 more votes than the number of students voting in the elections, 858.

NEWS editor S. Robert Jacobs has already claimed victory for his campaign. However, the decision to abolish the council rests with the university Board of Trustees, which is not meeting until May.

Meanwhile, Jacobs said, "the bunch of egotists and people interested in political advancement" will be inaugurated.

S.U. Concert Note

To all students who attended the Syracuse University Union Concert:

Syracuse University Union sincerely regrets the disappointment which occurred over the concert of April 8, and any inconvenience which may have resulted from it. University lawyers are currently taking appropriate legal steps to settle the contract. A direct result of these steps will be restitution, in one form or another, to those students who attended. In the meantime, S.U. urges these students to save their ticket stubs if they still have them.

Sincerely,
Syracuse University
Union Board
Spring Concert Committee

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Whitewash III, the third of Mr. Weisberg's forthcoming books, consists, for the most part, of documents.

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