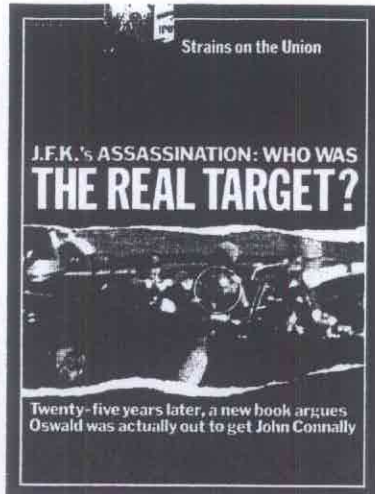


Letters

J.F.K.'S ASSASSINATION

"The Warren Commission was supposed to calm our fears; instead it became a part of them."

Allan Bieniek, Southgate, Mich.



The real message of your account of the assassination of John Kennedy is that after 2½ decades we still don't know who killed him [THE ASSASSINATION, Nov. 28]. All evidence involving Lee Harvey Oswald's pulling the trigger remains circumstantial, and the John Connally-as-target theory is mere conjecture.

Dennis P. Seniff
East Lansing, Mich.

Oswald had enough anger to kill, as demonstrated by his suicide attempt. But he never showed the ability to work in a group effort. Why would that have become possible on Nov. 22, 1963? Oswald shot the President, and he did it alone.

Michael Alan Landau
Downey, Calif.

It has been 25 years since that day in Dallas, and still we are subjected to the findings of the Warren Commission. Now comes this nonsense that Oswald meant to kill Connally, not Kennedy. This story is no more credible than the commission's report. That there was a conspiracy is beyond doubt. More happened in Dallas than we were ever told. The Warren Commission was supposed to calm our fears; instead it became a part of them.

Allan Bieniek
Southgate, Mich.

Whoever the real target was, the result, unfortunately, remains the same: J.F.K. is dead. His life was wonderful, his death tragic. Kennedys may not cry, but the country continues to.

Kate Edwards
Manassas, Va.

Soviet Nationalities

I hope Mikhail Gorbachev, along with the Soviet bureaucracy, realizes that an economically liberated Estonia [WORLD, Nov. 28] could become a free port between the East and the West and serve as a bridge, just as Hong Kong does in the Far East. Win or lose, the Estonians are upholding the principle of independence, and I applaud these brave people.

Toomas Rebane
Las Vegas

You indicate Gorbachev has discovered that the "unbreakable" Soviet Union has a few cracks. At the same time, the Estonians and Armenians are learning how to take advantage of *perestroika*.

José F. Barrera López
Dublin

Bhutto Triumphant

Benazir Bhutto is not only well educated and farsighted but has also proved her worth in the male-dominated Pakistani society by facing up to the authoritarian regime of Mohammed Zia ul-Haq [WORLD, Nov. 28]. Her pragmatism and lack of rigid ideological commitments have made her a major force in the turbulent politics of Pakistan. She is perhaps the only civilian leader who can deal effectively with Pakistan's internal and external problems at this stage.

Pervaiz A. Junejo
Larkana, Pakistan

Bhutto's victory in the recent elections has opened a new chapter in Pakistan's history. It now seems possible that the dreams of a return to democracy will come true for millions of Pakistanis. Bhutto is a smart politician and more practical than her emotional father.

M. Yusof Ahmad
Merrill, Wis.