

Lee Harvey Oswald: his lips are forever sealed, but the evidence mounts that he was just one cog in the murder.

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HEN Lee Harvey Os-wald squatted in the Tex-as Book Depository that bright fall day in 1963 and sighted down the length of his mail order rifle to squeeze off the shots that killed President John F. Kennedy, the man who really pulled

the trigger was Premier Fidel Cas-tro of Cuba. District Attorney Jim Garrison of New Orleans says he can prove that Oswald was part of a plot, hatched in Havana and nurtured in

hatched in Havana and nurtured in New Orleans, that came to fruition that clear, cool day in Dallas on November 22, 1963. Louisiana Democratic Senator Russell Long, citing Oswald's in-terest in the radically pro-Castro movement, says virtually the same thing.

The Police Gasette, in a story pub-lished just weeks after the assassi-nation of the President, offered proof that it was Red hate literature that inflamed the twisted mind of Oswald and his friends.

And as the days pass, slowly but surely, officials in New Orleans are getting closer to the truth about the death of the President. The evidence grows stronger day by day and all of it suggests a conspiracy

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spawned in Cuba. Why? What was the purpose? How did it all start? It is no secret that Oswald, after It is no secret that Oswald, after his discharge from the Marine Corps, defected and went illegally to Russia, settling in Minak where he met his wife, Marina. What is not generally known is that in Minak at the time were sev-eral hundred Cuban students, sent by the Castro regime to Russia for training in schools there.

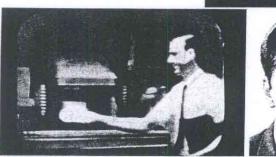
training in schools there.

Oswald, the Police Gazette learned, became friendly with one key man in the student group, a man known to have been an intelligence officer for Castro.

Idolized Castro

Through this man, Oswald is be-Through this man, Oswald is be-lieved to have acquired a distorted zeal for the revolutionary move-ment on the island, so that when he finally returned to the United States and went to his native city, New Orleans, he spent more time maxing our literature on street corpassing out literature on street corners for the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (financed by Castro) than he did working for the Louisiana Coffee Co.

He worked there from late April 1963 until August, earning \$1.35 an



This photo, taken off a TV screen, shows Lee Harvey Oswald as he distributed communist propaganda on a street in New Orleans.

hour and living in a dingy house on Magazine Street, not far from the homes or business addresses of virtually all of the people questioned in Garrison's probe.

Late in August, less than three months before Kennedy was assas-sinated, Oswald quit his job and drew unemployment insurance, get-ting \$33 a week. It was then that the sharp-fea-

tured, thin little man with the an-

gry eyes and the strident voice became a familiar figure on Canal Street, shrieking "Stop Kennedy from plunging America into war," as he handed out his Fair Play for Cuba leaflets.

According to FBI Director J. Ed-gar Hoover, the Committee even then

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fantastic facts behind the New Orleans headlines that mark Castro: GUILTY!



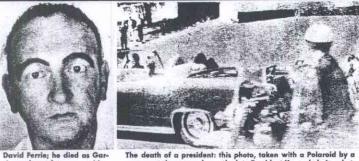
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rison plas ed to arrest him.

Warren Commission's attorney, Os-wald's wife practically begged to be allowed to give testimony about her husband's passion for Cuba. The commission's lawyer was questioning her about her hus-band's preoccupation with the riffe-he owned and its telescopic sights. Marina Oswald said he would sit

home at night, studying the weapon. When she was asked whether he did this most of the time, she answered,

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The death of a president: this photo, taken with a Polaroid by a woman at the scene, shows the late President Kennedy being shot.

according to the Warren Report: "Most of the time, yes. But I know he became active with some kind of activity on a pro-Cuban com-mittee. I hope that is what you are looking for."

looking for." It wasn't. For some reason, that line of questioning was never pur-sued. If they had they probably would have learned of Oawald's se-cret alliance with Castro terrorist groups.

According to Marina Oswald, Lee corresponded regularly with Com-munist party officials and was happy when he got replies because he felt he was being useful to the party. She admitted he was a devout Marx-She admitted he was a devoid adre-ist who subscribed it of the Worker and the Militant, the official organ of the Socialist Workers' Party. At any rate, FBI records show that Oswald formed his own chap-ter of the Fair Play For Cuba Committee, claiming that he had enrolled some 35 persons in New Orleans. The claim was ignored by the War-ren Commission which wasn't in-terested even though there are television pictures of Oswald and two other young men handing out leaf-lets around the International Trade Mart that ordered "Hands Off Cuba."

One of them, turned up in the Warren investigation, said Oswald had paid him \$2 for an hour's worth of such work. The second has never been found.

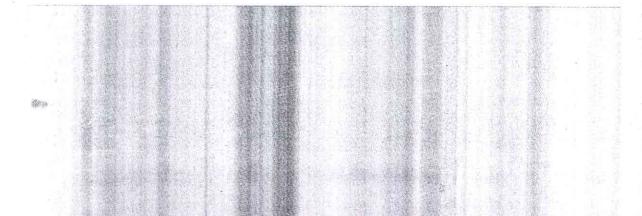
Why Oswald Killed JFK

The Warren Commission also closed its eyes to the opinion of Capt J. W. Fritz, head of the Dallas homicide squad who spent hours questioning Oswald after the assas-

sination. Fritz said Oswald admitted he was an avowed, loyal, even fanatic, supporter of Castro's revolution and Fritz testified that:

Fritz testified that: "I got the impression, I got the impression, that he was doing it be-cause of his feeling about the Cas-tro revolution...I think that was his (Continued on page 20)

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since the Sharkey fight. A lot had happened to me in that time. I didn't realize it then, but the thrill and glory of prizefighting got lost somewhere between the Sharkey and Schmeling fights.

After fourteen years in the ring, training became a terrible burden. In the years before it had to be done. But training for Schmeling turned into a jail sentence at hard labor. In the fifth week of training, six

days before the fight, Jack Kearns, my manager, had me weighed. The lever balanced at 156 pounds. Kearns became worried. He thought my body was drawn down too fine, that I showed signs of being stale

that I showed signs of being stale. Kearns suggested a game of golf for a change . . . and a few bottles of ale after the game. A relaxing day, and the ale would add the ex-tra weight needed to finish training. I was all for Kearns' idea, except that I could see no reason to wait

until after the game for the ale. On our arrival at the Summit Golf Club, the pro invited us into the clubhouse dining-room. Redcheckered tablecloths, a friendly atmosphere, and a congenial host,

all combined to hasten my downfall. Seated at the table, I turned to Kearns and remarked, "Doc, I think I'll have a bottle of ale now." He gave the order, including a scotch and soda for himself. After the first order, more followed, I complained. This ale bloats me, I'd better have a lighter drink."

Kearns and the pro were also ready for a lighter drink. The next order was champagne. More drinks followed until the pro reminded us that we had a golf game on.

My strength and spirit were re-turning fast. Why leave this re-newed vigor in the clubhouse? So an extra boy was added to the caddy list; he carried champagne, in ice buckets, around the course.

Hours later, the dull-red sun, low in the sky, peeked through the trees surrounding the Summit clubhouse as we made ready to leave. Kearns reached for the car's door handle but before he could open it, my arms shot out and wrapped around his waist, pulling him away from the car.

"You're not going to drive," I ordered. "We'll take a taxi back to the camp."

Kearns began to struggle. He fell. My feet tangled with his legs and I plunged face-forward hitting my eye on a sharp rock protruding four inches above the ground.

Our camp was engulfed in gloom. fight was postponed for two The weeks.

The night of the big fight finally rolled around. The first punch thrown by Schmeling closed my eye and put me on the floor for a count. In the second and third, I held

my own. The fourth nearly saw the in finish of Schmeling. He fell back against the ropes, groggy from a right cross. I stepped in close, with anxiety and dynamite wrapped in a left hook . . . but anxiety took

High School in New Orleans when both were interested in a Civil Air

Patrol group. The group, which were uniforms, met at the New Orleans airport once a week and the squadron leader was none other than David W. Ferrie. Though Oswald was known to have talked of kidnaping a plane to go to Cuba when the State Department re-fused to give him a visa to visit Cas-tro's island, the Warren Commission didn't question the obvious connec-tion between the two men. Apparently they weren't inter-

ested in the possibility that when Oswald left his apartment after killing Kennedy and ran into Dallas Police Officer J. D. Tippett, whom he killed, he might actually have been headed for a rendezvous with Ferrie and an escape plane. They weren't interested in the fact

that both Oswald and Ferrie were known rifle enthusiasts, almost mor-bidly interested in weapons, and they didn't ask any of the obvious questions that are being asked by others now.

They scarcely bothered with Lewallen and never heard of Mara-chini, who knew Lewallen when he roomed with Oswald, and they weren't overly concerned with Dean Andrews who says he had a phone call from a man named Clay Bert-rand asking him if he would rep-resent Oswald after the assassin had been picked up in Dallas.

They either ignored or were unaware of the possible connection between Oswald and a munitions cache turned up in an FBI raid at Slidell, La., three months before the assassination.

assassination. But what is more important is that they failed to delve into the malevo-lent hatred that burned within Os-wald, a hatred inspired by his pro-

Castro leanings. They were seemingly uncon-cerned with the fact that Castro

charge of the punch. It missed. The fifth, sixth and seventh rounds ended in my favor, but the seventh round was the beginning of the end for me. A light punch from Schmeling, landed in a clinch, hit a nerve in my clear eye. That also

closed. When the bell rang for the eighth round, I came out swinging blindly. Schmeling's punches numbed my body. At different times, on my way to the floor, a strong vise seemed to crush me. I heard loud voices ... "Stay down, you damn fool, don't

get up." My foggy brain said, "I want to stay down. Roll over and get away from that crushing weight above." But I found myself pushing up on

one knee, struggling to my feet, pushing the whole world up with my shoulders.

Today I ask myself . . . "Why didn't I stay on the floor . . . why didn't I take the count? I don't know." THEEND

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reason (for killing Kennedy)." Everyone else who worked on the case felt that same thing.

Hoover testified that "we had in-formation that had been obtained in Mexico City by another intelligence agency indicating there was a man who had seen a certain amount of money passed to Oswald at the Cu-ban consulate. I think it was \$6,000 but the man later retracted the statement'

Mysterious Visitor

Even so, the Police Gazette learned that a mysterious visitor has been in Mexico City for the last several weeks, retracing the steps of Oswald, asking questions about the assassin.

Among those he talked to were Dolores Ramirez, a lunchroom Dolores Ramirez, a junchroom owner, and Sebastian Perez, an em-ployee of the hotel where Oswald stayed there. Both of them said that the visitor, who has not been iden-tified, was especially interested in whether or not Oswald had been seen with any other person in Mex-ico City or had talked to anyone there in late September or early October the year of the Dallas assassination. John McCone, then head of the

CIA, has also said his agency knew all about Oswald's trip south of the border. They knew that he had vis-ited the Cuban consulate but ran into a stone wall because they lacked the resources to learn the confidential

nature of his visit. Which brings us to the people unich brings us to the people questioned or arrested by Garrison in recent weeks: Clay Shaw, free on bail on a charge of compiracy to commit murder; David W. Ferrie, the ex-pilot who died under myste-

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Andrews; J. B. Dauenhauer, a one time assistant to Shaw at the International Trade Mart; erstwhile James Lewallen, now a missile plant employe but once a roommate of Oswald's. What touched off this roundup, the Polics Gazette learned, was se-

rious circumstances: lawyer Dean

cret testimony given by a key wit-ness who said under sodium pen-tothol (truth serum) that Shaw, a respected and retired businessman, Ferrie, a known homosexual, and Oswald met during September of 1963 at Ferrie's apartment and agreed to kill Kennedy. Ferrie and Oswald are dead and Shaw denies this.

The informant was present at the meetings, actually saw the conspir-ators and heard the plan, accord-ing to sources inside Garrison's office

The key to the question remains Ferrie, an expert flier, who said before his death that he had gone

a natural death. Garrison is known to have been seeking him for questioning and when his room v searched, the DA's men turned an arsenal that included a 1 was pound practice aerial bomb, three rifles, a 20-gauge shotgun, a flare gun, two Army Signal Corps telephones, cameras and radio trans-

the fact that Oswald knew Ferrie

had branded Kennedy, whom he re-ferred to as "the Boston millionaire," as Cuba's public enemy num-

ber one. They ignored the fact that Castro They ignored the fact that Castro terrorists are known to have plot-ted Kennedy's death as far back as 1961 when police in San Felipe, Venezuela, bagged a pair of well-armed killers in a car speeding along while death of the second state of the second state. drined kliers in a car specang wong a hillside road just a jew miles from where the late President's ship, the U.S.S. Northampton, was docked. To Oswald, Kennedy really was what the endless flood of Castro

propaganda said he was ... a "war-monger" and a "profiteer" who was plundering Latin America. And that was why, day after day

In the weeks that preceded the killing in Dallas, Oswald recruted peo-ple to stand outside the Interna-tional Trade Mart, screaming invective.

Even the defection of the founder of the Fair Play For Cuba Com-mittee, Dr. Charles A. Santos Buch, who publicly admitted that Castro was pouring hundreds of thousands of dollars into the anti-Kennedy drive, failed to deter Oswald.

True Fee of JFK

Indoctrinated since his days in Minsk, Oswald was a true believer in Castro and a true foe of Ken-nedy, a bitter fanatic whose mind was poisoned by the propaganda.

The payoff came when he squeezed that trigger on an imhe ported rifle in the sixth story win-dow in Dallas and took dead aim at the President of the United States.

But that is not the end of the story because DA Garrison isn't kidding when he says there will be more arrests, more charges and convictions in a clearcut case of a Cuconspiracy to kill President Kennedy. THE END

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since his days at Beauregard Junior -

before his death that he had gone to Houston on a hunting trip the day Kennedy was shot. Four notes found in his room in-dicated he committed suicide, but the medical examiner insists he died

mitting and receiving equipment as well as a quantity of ammunition. What makes this more curious is