

# Dr. King Slain by One Man, Author Says at Book Luncheon

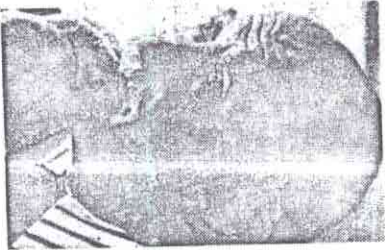
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An author who investigated the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King said on Tuesday that the killing was not the end product of a conspiracy.

Gerold Frank told the Inquirer Book and Author luncheon in the Bellevue Stratorf that he has concluded the assassination was carried out by one man alone.

"James Earl Ray, the inept hitlilly, did it and did it alone," Frank said.

Frank's book, "An American Death," has just been published on the 1968 assassination of the civil rights leader in Memphis, Tenn.

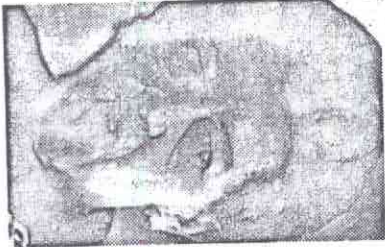


**GEROLD FRANK**  
... no conspiracy

Kennedy were not conspiracies.

In each case, he added, the assassin, who was nabbed in all three cases, was interested in making his name in history.

The ballroom of the Bellevue was jammed for the final session in the 1971-72 se-

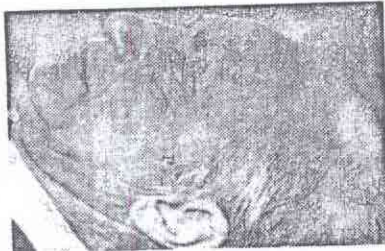


**BARBARA REX**  
... caustic report

ries of luncheons.

The other authors included Mrs. Barbara Rex, a Philadelphia; Elia Kazan, actor, author, producer and director, and Chaim Potok, a rabbi turned author, who is a Philadelphia resident.

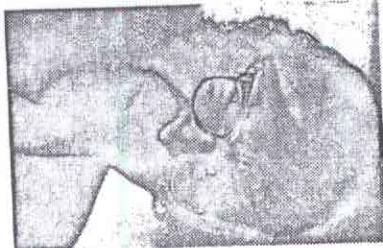
Mrs. Rex, who has used



**ELIA KAZAN**  
... two best sellers

Philadelphia society for the background of two of her novels, gave a caustic report on the doings of the Main Liners and Chestnut Hill residents, the old families who have become known as the city's establishment.

IN PHILADELPHIA, she



**CHAIM POTOK**  
... relatives dismayed

said, it is who you are related to that counts. But she also noted that the men and women of the prominent families are also hard workers for charities, city projects and the various civic boards they control.

MRS. REX SAID that

she has not been "overly popular with the frilly hats" since she wrote her two books.

Kazan, who has won two Academy Awards, described the manipulations he had to go through to "peddle" his two best sellers. But in the long run, he said, the wise author will ignore the critics.

KAZAN PUBLISHED his first book in 1962. He became best known as an author in his book, "The Arrangement," and this has been followed by "The Assassins."

Potok described his growing up in New York City in the Jewish tradition, and his decision to become an author of fiction, which was greeted with dismay by his relatives and teachers. Currently, he is the editor of the Jewish Publication Society of America.

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