

BOOKNEWS

In our last two issues we referred to self-published books by Dick Sprague and Jeff Hoyle.

Please note this additional information:

(1) The Taking of America 1,2,3, by Richard E.Sprague will soon be available from the Author at 193 Pinewood Road, Hartsdale, NY 10530. in a revised edition at a REDUCED price! It is now \$3.95 per copy plus postage.

(2) Wound Analysis by Jeffrey P.Hoyle. Jeff has recently changed house and his new address is: 56 Lockwood Circle, Swansea, MA 02777.

If you will refer to JFK.AF No.18 you will see in that article on Jack Ruby that mention was made of a soon-to-be-published paperback book by Seth Kantor, The Secret World of Jack Ruby. This projected book from Zebra Books was subsequently cancelled but the manuscript has now been released, on 25 September, by Everest House.

Who was Jack Ruby? by Seth Kantor. September 1978. \$10.95. ISBN 0-89696-004-8. Everest House Publishers, 1133 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10036.

Who was Jack Ruby? He was Jacob Rubenstein, a small-time gangster who organized a union with Mob connections in the '30s. He was involved in casinos and gun smuggling in Cuba, probably under orders from Meyer Lansky. He was a shady nightclub operator, a police informer, an errand boy between the Syndicate and a corrupt Dallas police force. He was, Kantor cautiously speculates, part of a conspiracy to kill JFK that combined Mafia, CIA and anti-Castro Cuban forces. All this will be familiar to readers of various assassination books. Following up these leads with dozens of interviews and archival digging, Atlanta Constitution reporter Kantor adds weight to a case against Ruby and tears to shreds the Warren Commission's portrait of this paid killer. Several points in Kantor's research are contradicted by other experts' accounts: for instance, he too abruptly dismisses evidence that Ruby knew Oswald. Still, he turns up valuable material. On the day of the assassination, Ruby, chronically in debt, was seen with thousands of dollars at a Dallas bank. Perhaps this hard-hitting book will shake the House Assassination Committee out of its slumber. Index, etc.

(Publishers Weekly - 31 July 1978)

Although the subject is not strictly within the ambit of this newsletter, readers may be interested to know that an intriguing new book concerning critical aspects of the ROBERT F.KENNEDY assassination has just been published. The Assassination of Robert F.Kennedy. A Searching Look at the Conspiracy and Cover-up 1968-1978 by William W.Turner and John G.Christian is published by Random House Inc. 201 East 50th Street, New York, NY 10022 at \$12.95. 397 pages. Illustrated. Appendix. Index.ISBN 0-394-40273-1.

The reviewer is not really into this case but, in the small stock of books on the RFK murder this is a "must" with its tale of a plot "that may have involved right-wing, hard-line anti-Kennedyites, a "Manchurian candidate," elements of the CIA, and even hypnosis."

NEXT MONTH, NOVEMBER 1978, WILL MARK THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ASSASSINATION IN DALLAS OF JOHN F.KENNEDY. AT THIS STAGE IT IS PLANNED TO PRODUCE A SPECIAL, BUMPER, EDITION. LET'S ALL KEEP OUR FINGERS CROSSED FOR IT.....

JFK Assassination FORUM

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This has to be quite a pessimistic issue of JFK Assassination Forum

Originally it was intended that we would not publish until the HSCA Public Hearings into the JFK case were completed, but, even in this fourth and final week it is already becoming apparent that we can prepare ourselves for a verdict that will merely add another coat of whitewash to the discredited findings of the Warren Commission.

There is therefore no need to delay in the hope of attempting to provide an in-depth analysis of the Public Hearings. Of course, we will return to that subject in a future issue. For the moment, read on, and weep for the credibility of Robert Blakey and his Committee.....

JAUNDICED COLORED GLASSES

by J.David Truby

We just blew \$4,000,000 of our tax money for a new coat of whitewash to touch up the crumbled facade of the Warren Commission lie that a "lone nut" killed John Kennedy. That was the price tag for the latest cover-up.

The sinister power of conspiracy silenced the timid congressmen of the House Select Committee on Assassination (HSCA) who are now selling out in public. This is the same sinister power that threatened the family of Sen.Richard Schweiker, turning his life, political motivation and honor a nasty 180 degrees when he got too close to the truth. The conspiracy cover-up is strong and the truth denied because these HSCA congressmen, like Schweiker, lack the courage or conviction to stand up to their puppet masters and admit the truth.

In the next few days you will be told that the HSCA can't find any conspiracy in the Kennedy assassination and they must conclude that Lee Harvey Oswald was a lone gunman. In a mockery of justice, their Final Report was written in secret at least as early as July, long before their hearings even began. The HSCA is already parading handpicked witnesses on TV, people chosen to say what they've been coached or threatened to say. They know what happens to witnesses who don't go along - they die.

Despite this cover-up, the undeniable factual evidence is clear - JFK was gunned down in a crossfire ambush, high government officials knew about it in advance and did nothing to stop it. His death is clearly a conspiracy and the people in power continue the cover-up today.

The HSCA started out to document this truth with an honest investigator, Richard A.Sprague, in charge. When it became apparent Sprague really was going after the truth, the "old boy network" planted fictional leads with the establishment executives at Newsweek, The Washington Post and The New York Times. Key congressmen were either threatened or blackmailed. Sprague was quickly fired. The Power Boys then brought in their own man, G.Robert Blakey, a reptilian sort of lawyer with a murky background. He quickly seized control of the HSCA, steering it away from an open, independent investigation. He personally limited everything from what areas would be investigated and which would not, to who would be a witness and who would not, to what favoured reporters could report which lies. Yes, he really did all that, on order, of course.

# Three bullets fired down says Oswald at Kennedy's c

From UPI in Washington The account acknowledged shot "may" grassy knoll direction school to A Committee/terr. B. Oswald 'failed lie tests' said: How dare you claim someone's life? He said: 'What would you say about getting rid of Hitler at the right time?' 'I realised it wasn't just a manly hobby of possessing a rifle... it was possible of killing

In what may be a logical step from David Truby's article here are some thoughts and examples of how the British public has been treated by its media services over the past month of September as regards the goings-on in Washington by Blakey & Co.

As regards the press, with the large national dailies, there has been pretty sparse reporting. Coverage has been basically confined to the "quality" end of the market and the three newspapers concerned, Times, Guardian and Daily Telegraph, have relied to a great extent on secondhand reports from AP, UPI and Reuter (with all that implies as regards objectivity!).

We have been treated to such diverse headings as: "Experts say two shots in Dallas came from behind.", "New evidence of fourth shot fired at President Kennedy.", "Three bullets fired at Kennedy's car." Obviously you pay your money, choose your paper, and take your chance as regards reading true facts!

"Oswald 'spoke well of his victim'." according to Marina (and the Daily Telegraph). Fidel Castro knows nothing about the case, Marina Oswald knows everything! Jack Ruby shot Oswald because of his "silly smirk", and Gerald Ford supports the Warren Commission (Surprise, surprise! Ed.)

We are told that a meek-mannered Dallas citizen named Witt (or should it be half-Witt?) has been identified by the Committee as the mysterious "Umbrella Man" who was present in Dealey Plaza during the shooting (see JFK AF No.25). According to the Guardian "Kennedy 'umbrella killer' just a bad joke." (I wonder if Mr Witt was in London a couple of weeks ago when the Bulgarian defector, Georgi Markov, was killed by another "umbrella man"?)

There have been very few original features but the best is "The ghost that cannot be laid" which The Economist ran in its 16 September issue. They were realistic - and honest - to admit that doubts did exist, that any report will not be accepted by everyone, and that the material and information being made public will keep researchers/critics going for another 15 years!

If the Press has a bad record TV is even worse. The only news reports we have had concerned Marina Oswald, her views and her testimony. If we accept that Marina is a liar it is sickening to subject the public to sit through her interview in BBC TV's "Tonight" programme of 11 September. In it we were "treated" to her tearful regrets on JFK's untimely death while never having a good word to say about her husband. With a wife like Marina who needs Jack Ruby?

All in all bad marks to the British media for not keeping us informed as to the news from the Washington Hearings room.

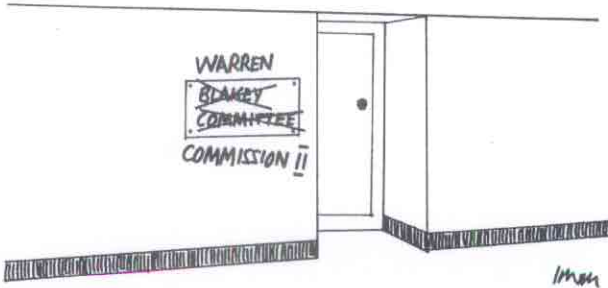
Blakey's sponsors also set up the CIA and the FBI as monitors of the HSCA investigators, despite the fact that the CIA and FBI were prime suspects themselves. Everytime a witness showed up who might not tell the official line story, he died, or was ignored. Committee investigators who balked at these methods were fired and threatened if they talked about it.

Very recently, Scott Malone, an internationally respected reporter, wrote a story very critical of this new cover-up (NOTE: "A great show, a lousy investigation." by Jerry Polioff and William Scott Malone, New Times, 4 September 1978, pp.5+. (Copies available at \$1.50 each from: Back Issue Dept. New Times, 1255 Portland Place, Boulder, CO 80523.)). He is now totally barred from further coverage of the assassination hearings on Blakey's personal order.

Blakey dictates to the Washington press corps what they should print and broadcast, and they heed him. That's why you read his lies in the major newspapers and hear/see his lies on TV. Controlled by the "old boy network" the establishment press goes along with the JFK conspiracy cover-up just as they did when Nixon was engineered out of office by the same people. Not only has the major journalism power sold out, but the mindless copycat mentality repeats the official line in smaller dailies, e.g. Johnstown and Pittsburg in my area alone. The news media no longer perform as a watchdog, they are the lapdog of these sinister people. Not only do they repeat the lies of the cover-up, but they ridicule and vilify those who question them. The Pittsburg Press called people who didn't believe the Warren Commission "freaks", while an editor at the Johnstown Tribune Democrat said that anyone who believed in a conspiracy is "crazy".

I am ashamed and saddened to admit that the American press is also an accessory to the conspiracy that got away with murder in Dallas on 22 November 1963.

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\*\*\* The last survivor of British "underground" newspapers, International Times, has, in its current (September 1978?) issue (Volume 4 Number 11) an informative critique of "The Gemstone File" by our subscriber/friend/researcher, Robin Ramsay. He also hopes to have a follow-up article on the significance of the JFK Assassination published soon.

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