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Editorial: Now, who is really going to start that much-needed "Dump Nixon" movement?

The Murderous Diversion

The shooting of George Wallace was nothing but the eye-catching prelude to a far more important act of devilry planned by the CIA to save the Nixon Maladministration from disaster. It was a diversionary manoeuver of wide scope designed to throw off the American public in advance so they won't recognize the hallmarks of the second coup d'état now in the making.

The Nixon regime, supported by the military, the oil interests, the corporate giants and hardly anybody else is committed to self-preservation by any and all means. Nixon, the international cutlaw par excellence is fast becoming also the nation's No. 1 outlaw, which is quite a performance for that champion of law and order. He is directly responsible for the Wallace shooting, for all the crocodile tears he has shed over it, for he controls the CIA like no other US President has been able to control it in recent memory and it was again the CIA which set up this assassination attempt. It was a diabolically clever operation.

Wallace, ostensibly the most vocal and successful leader of the extreme right wing in US politics, had become something of a nuisance lately. He had undergone quite a change since 1963, whether it was genuine or a pose only. Anyway, he did go on record, a few weeks ago, as favoring complete US withdrawal from Indochina and he has been scolding off in his recent speeches like a right-wing populist, lashing out against the selfish behavior of Big Business and even advocating a drastic tax reform.

Thus Wallace made himself expendable to people like Nixon, his fellow-usurper Lyndon B. Johnson and the latter's stooge in the Government, John Connally, not to forget the bellicose Humpty-Dumpty Laird. In fact, he was ideal as an expendable decoy, for once he fell victim to an assassin's bullets, people would say: "Look, it wasn't true what the hocks (that's us and you, dear readers) have been saying, namely that all the assassins are on the right and all the victims on the left. As you can see now, those lonely misfits like Oswald, say, Sirhan and now Bremer blindly strike right and left!" Yes, that's what the opinion-makers are saying now, even though the more intelligent ones among them are not likely to believe their own mouthings. A very neat job of make-believe and deceit!

The phony story circulated by "Newsweek" and other newsfakers, according to which Bremer had planned to assassinate the great Richard Nixon himself, before he settled for Wallace, was an added dividend. Nixon is an old hand at rigging up phony assassination attempts against himself and if it ever happens that anybody actually does shoot him - a contingency that doesn't make me cry - it's bound to be pure coincidence.

An announcement: Beginning with the next issue, TRUTH LETTERS will start serializing a sensational and fascinating document that has just come into my hands. It concerns the real role played by Jackie Kennedy Onassis during the assassination of her first husband. Watch for it!

WITH MCGOVERN'S CORPORATE
ACCOMMODATION AS PER HIS BUSINESS
WEEK INTERVIEW, WALLACE MAY HAVE
BEEN OF SOME CONCERN.
MANY SIRHAN - BREMER PARALLELS. 2

The Wallace affair made a big impression on TL readers, judging by the number of newspaper clippings about it they sent me from various parts of the United States and from England. And for once it seems that the British press made an effort to cover the spectacular event fully and truthfully, which is a lot more than one can say about American press coverage.

At any rate, I have not seen in any of the US papers and magazines I have been able to scan these highly interesting items I picked up in the British press:

The London "Daily Mail" of May 16, 1972, in a front-page dispatch from Washington, stated: "Police said the suspected gunman did not act alone. They started an intensive hunt in Maryland for a blue Cadillac with Georgia number-plates."

Now here you have a good, hot lead pointing to a getaway car. The number of blue Cadillacs registered in Georgia can't be astronomical. Far less concrete evidence would enable a competent law-enforcement agency to track down Bremer's accomplice. So, what happens? The FBI takes over, easing the local police out, and presto "there is no evidence of conspiracy." Not, if you shut both eyes before such a telltale fact!

On the other hand, the "Sunday Times" (London) of May 21, 1972, after considerable research done by two of its top reporters, came up with a series of startling facts which show, beyond a shadow of doubt that Bremer, though he had no job and had been loafing for at least four months, was well-equipped with cash. The young good-for-nothing had last worked as a bus boy at the Milwaukee Athletic Club. According to Time (5-29-72) Bremer, in 1971, had earned \$1,611, which is hardly the stuff sizeable nest-eggs are made off.

Yet, after having quit work, Bremer miraculously was able to: (a) buy a 1968 model blue Rambler; (b) rent a \$135 apartment in Milwaukee; (c) criss-cross the United States for four months, covering many thousands of miles. And (d) - lo and behold! - stay for two nights at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel in New York, where a single room costs at least \$35 a night. It was a good thing, the American press lightly skipped this extraordinarily revealing item, for otherwise people might have started to wonder where all that money came from.

The evidence is impressive and all but conclusive: Arthur Bremer was a hired gunman. And since there is no indication whatsoever that he was motivated by personal animosity against Wallace, or that he was on the payroll of any political or other group interested in removing Wallace from the presidential race, the conclusion is inescapable that he was working for the CIA.

Now, what could possibly have been the purpose of this assassination attempt - again there is no plausible motive - other than to throw a monkey-wrench into the normal processes of candidate selection. Time, in its issue of May 29 (European ed.) quoted an unidentified official of the Democratic National Committee as saying:

"After this, a Kennedy draft would be like asking a man to commit suicide."

That sums it up neatly. To stop Kennedy was undoubtedly the immediate, short-term purpose of the Wallace shooting. A longer-range purpose was to pave the way for the assassination of either George McGovern or Ted Kennedy, or both. For then the expected outcry about all prominent leaders of the Left being eliminated by violent means, one by one, could be countered effectively with the argument: "Did you forget what happened to George Wallace, the most aggressive leader of the Right?"

Take it from me: The next instalment in the CIA's chain of political murders is already in the making. The next "lonely misfit" is already standing by for instructions. One would have to be awfully blind or dumb not to see the handwriting on the wall.

And who's going to be the next victim? Well, there is one fellow who is highly expendable right now and that's that poor, pompous clob, Spiro Agnew. Connally is already waiting in the wings to take his place. Suppose Agnew is shot in the near future. Everybody would blame the foul deed on the militant Left, of course. What a wonderful opportunity to take revenge against McGovern or Kennedy or to simply cancel the elections! Maybe this isn't the exact "scenario" the Nixon gang is working on, but it's bound to be something like that.

Dr. Nichols Rebuffed Again

The dogged attempt of the University of Kansas pathologist Dr. John N. Nichols to gain access to the Kennedy autopsy materials for scientific testing has suffered a new setback. On May 12, 1972, the U.S. Court of Appeals in Denver upheld the decision of the U.S. District Court in Topeka denying Dr. Nichols' request. All readers are well acquainted with the substance of the matter which has been dealt with several times in these pages.

It is worthy of note that the Court of Appeals goes further in the scope and firmness of its stand against Dr. Nichols than Judge George Templar of the District Court. Whereas the latter had ruled primarily that the autopsy materials and related items could not be properly classified as "records" in the meaning of the 1967 Freedom of Information Act, the Court of Appeals eschewed that important issue completely. "We do not find it necessary to reach that question," the three-man panel stated in its 10-page opinion, a copy of which has come into my possession.

Instead, the Court of Appeals held that all of the items which Dr. Nichols had requested from the U.S. Archivist fall within one of the nine exceptions existing by law to the general rule of disclosure. The Court also upheld the view of the trial judge that it was not necessary that the depositor of restricted materials be the owner of them and rebuffed Dr. Nichols for challenging the Kennedy estate's right to impose such restrictions:

"In addition, we reject appellant's argument on the ground that he has no standing to claim that the Kennedy estate had no proprietary interest in the materials. The parties to the letter of agreement were the Administrator of General Services of the United States and the representative of the Kennedy estate, both parties recognized the proprietary interest of the Kennedy estate in the materials placed on deposit under the agreement. The appellant was not a party to the agreement, and absent a claim of ownership on the part of the appellant, he has no standing to object to the letter of agreement or its terms. We conclude that the letter of agreement of October 29, 1966, is a valid binding agreement and that the restrictions on access and inspection imposed thereby are reasonable."

Dr. Nichols has announced that he will appeal to the U.S. Supreme court, but I doubt that he will have better luck there. With all the Nixon stooges now on the High Bench and, moreover, the prestige of a former Chief Justice at stake, it is most unlikely that the Supreme Court will go against the wishes of the Government in a matter of so far-reaching implications. Only a decent new President - say, McGovern, if he ever makes it to the White House - could clear a path for The Truth through the legal thickets.

A Voice from Oblivion

According to "The Texas Observer" (4-28-72), the Dallas oil magnate and billionaire H.L. Hunt recently told a reporter that he would use all his remaining energies "to defeat Nixon. He's the worst president the country has ever had."

I certainly agree with that assessment, though doubtless for different reasons. If H.L. Hunt now has such a poor opinion of the man he had helped to sneak into the White House by sponsoring and in part financing the Dallas coup d'état, it can be only because to his obtuse mind Tricky Dick isn't reactionary or hawkish enough. However, if the old carnageon will shell out a few millions - they would probably go, or have gone, into the Wallace till - to help defeat Nixon that would almost be an act of public charity - certainly the first in Hunt's long life.

When it comes to being "the worst president the country has ever had", Nixon is of course in a tie with LBJ for this title, but making progress. For his part, H.L. Hunt until recently was in a tie with J. Edgar Hoover for the title of being America's No. 1 old bastard. He has won, of course, thanks to the CIA.

Due to the pressure of space, continuation of the serial "How Garrison Was Framed" is postponed to the next issue.

"THANE EUGENE CESAR was accompanying Senator Kennedy and Karl Uecker through the kitchen after waiting at the swinging doors leading into the room where the Senator was shot. CESAR admits drawing his hand gun at the time Sirhan B. Sirhan began firing, and being on the floor with his back against the ice machine behind and below and to the right of Senator Kennedy, close enough to receive powder burns.

"The shot that fatally wounded Senator Robert F. Kennedy came from back to front, from down to up and from right to left. Sirhan Bishara Sirhan was never in that position, but CESAR was..."

The case of Sirhan, which is unique in the annals of political murder, is now in the appeals stage. His new lawyer, Luke McKissack, has filed with the California Supreme Court a 400-page appeal brief, alleging some 18 grounds for relief. And Attorney Godfrey Isaac, joining the fray from the Noguchi-Charach corner, is now busy preparing - or may already have filed by this time - "an extraordinary writ" for a new trial of Sirhan, also to be placed before the California Supreme Court. In this context, noted criminologist and ballistics expert William W. Harper, said in an affidavit filed by Charach with the Los Angeles Superior Court on June 25, 1971:

"During the past seven months I have made a careful review and study of the physical circumstances of the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. In this connection I have examined the physical evidence introduced at the trial, including the Sirhan weapon, the bullets and shell cases. I have also studied the autopsy report, the autopsy photographs, and pertinent portions of the trial testimony."

From that study, Harper concluded:

- "1. Two .22-caliber guns were involved in the assassination.
- "2. Senator Kennedy was killed by one of the shots fired from Firing Position B, fired by a second gunman. Firing Position B was located close to the senator, immediately to his right and rear.
- "3. The five bystanders that were wounded were shot by Sirhan from Firing Position A, located directly in front of the senator.
- "4. It is extremely unlikely that any of the bullets fired by the Sirhan gun ever struck the body of Senator Kennedy."

Harper further stated in his affidavit that "It is self-evident that within the brief time of the shooting (roughly 14 seconds) Sirhan could not have been in both firing positions at the same time. No eyewitnesses saw Sirhan at any position other than the firing position A (in front of the senator) where he was quickly restrained by citizens."

One more important observation is in order. Sirhan could not possibly know that the Senator would ever come his way, that is, take the unlikely route through the kitchen. In my first study of the Sirhan case, entitled "The Truth About the Robert Kennedy Assassination" (TRILOGY OF MURDER, Tome 1, Vol. I) I had already emphasized this point on the strength of the incomplete information then available. (see Chapter IV: "Robert Kennedy Never Had a Chance - The Ambassador Hotel Was Surrounded").

Since then the testimony of Uecker and others, as embodied in the previously secret Transcript of the Grand Jury Proceedings (see in particular p. 151) has made this point crystal-clear.

Asked by Deputy District Attorney Fukuto, "was there a previous arrangement for you to escort Senator Kennedy to the Colonial Room?", Uecker replied:

"No. As much as I know, he was supposed to -- the first plan was that he was supposed to go downstairs, the next floor, the next ballroom where we had the -- the other people which couldn't come into the Embassy Ballroom, and we had about fifteen or eighteen hundred people in there, and he was supposed to make a speech over there. And their minds were changed at the last -- the last minute. (emphasis added - J.J.)

(to be continued in the next issue)

UNDERSTAND THAT HARPER WATER BACKED OFF FROM HIS POSITION.