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- 2 - Newark (RM)
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- 1 - New York (100-10159) (ACIU) (42)
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A meeting sponsored by the "National Guardian" was held at Town Hall, 113-123 West 43rd Street, New York City on Tuesday Feb 18, 1964. The meeting started at 8:15 and ended at 10:45 P.M. A gentlemen who seemed to be in charge of Town Hall (a regular employee) pleaded with people to be patient about entering, etc. - as there were 1500 seats available - At 6:45 P.M. the last ticket at \$2.50 was sold and a sign posted at the Box Office window "Loge seats only- \$5.00 per ticket". The Hall was sold out to full capacity and there were a few standees in the lobby.

Mr. JAMES ARONSON addressed the audience to explain the hardships the "Guardian" had experienced in securing the Hall for the meeting. He stated that in January a contract or reservation had been made for Feb. 18th - But a short time before the meeting, DEAN DRAKE, from the Board of Trustees, at N.Y.U. decided to rescind the contract. After much negotiation, N.Y.U. asked for a bond of \$25,000. Then Mr. JAMES HESTER, President of N.Y.U., still not pleased with the subject matter for the meeting- rescinded the contract. After much-to-do the "National Guardian" took their difficulties to EDWARD ENNIS, of the National Civil Liberties Union- who lent his assistance in securing the Hall, but the "National Guardian" had to deposit \$25,000 in cash at the bank as security against damage, etc. Mr. ARONSON stated that the complete story of National Guardian's controversy with N.Y.U. would be published in the "National Guardian" issue of Feb. 21st. Mr. ENNIS was in the audience, he was asked to stand up and received due applause. There were 50 seats allotted to the Press, local, National, and foreign. There were many photographers on the stage- The first 3 rows were reserved for the Press. A very attractive dark-haired young woman, acting somewhat like "head-usher" challenged the Press for seat arrangements, and she gave to each Press person an envelope, which contained a copy of Mr. LANE's brief and other pertinent information. It was announced that there were more envelopes in the lobby but not enough to go around and they were snatched up by those more accessible to the table and pre-knowledge of the contents.

Mr. ARONSON introduced Professor DAVID HABER, instructor of law at Rutgers University, chairman of the meeting. Prof. HABER started to speak with what sounded like a British accent,

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then gradually relaxed into what sounded like a German or Russian accent. He talked about the assassination of Mr. KENNEDY as appearing as a conspiracy, or a Federal conspiracy- and he was of the opinion that enough action has not been taken to ferret out the participants in the conspiracy. That the U.S. government has been too lax in its efforts and investigation of the assassination and the Secret Service and the F.B.I. should have done a better job of bringing the participants to justice. He was of the opinion that some people in high places are trying to sweep the evidence "under the rug" instead of bringing it out into the open. That the U.S. stands to lose prestige abroad and confidence at home by not having this problem solved in the legal and traditional way.

Professor HABER introduced Professor STAUGHTON LYND, - who teaches American History at a college somewhere in Atlanta, - and stated that Professor LYND expects to teach or fill the chair in the History department at Yale U. next semester.

Professor LYND spoke about the article "Seeds of Doubt" carried in "New Republic" issue of Dec. 21, which he, JACK MINNIS, and RICHARD DUDMAN, (the Washington correspondent of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch) wrote. Prof. LYND stated the Alfred Dreyfus case was analogous to the LEE OSWALD case in the assassination of Pres. KENNEDY. Prof. LYND appears to be a sincere, young American person, deeply interested in justice and the American way of life. During the question and answer period a reporter questioned Prof. LYND as to his statement that Chief Justice WARREN was dishonest. Prof. LYND replied that he merely used the Dreyfus case as an analogy to illustrate that records may get lost, become mixed up, and often get to the wrong people, and if the LEE OSWALD case is allowed to drag on without an honest and thorough investigation that mistakes can happen- "Mistaken, that even you, or I, or the Chief Justice could make."

RICHARD DUDMAN was supposed to be on the stage- He was asked to take a bow but his seat was behind the lectern, and not many people could see him. (This could have been JACK MINNIS and not RICHARD DUDMAN- they mentioned so many names so many times in connection with this article-)

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The next speaker was Mr. MARK LANE, the attorney for Mrs. MARGUERITE OSWALD, secured for her through the "National Guardian." He spoke about various radio broadcasts, press reports, and their many contradictions. Contradictions and changes, which he believed were brought about by the F.B.I. and the Secret Service, and then the local police in Dallas- who were suppressed by some one in higher authority. He also spoke about the article in Life Magazine by WALDO?? He stated that a MARY WOODWORTH from the Dallas paper reported the gun shots came from the overpass. Four witnesses questioned by F.B.I. Mr. LANE has been in Dallas and has retraced the late President's motorcade route, and has interviewed people who were on the street when the assassination occurred. Mr. LANE interviewed a teacher in Dallas - she said she had been followed- taken by F.B.I. She repeatedly stated that there were 4 to 6 shots fired- She had taken snapshots of the motorcade and the incident. Her film was confiscated and has never been returned. Mr. LANE played his tape recording machine - and the lady speaking says 3 shots- 3 shells- etc., and is indignat because Secret Service and F.B.I. acted as if she was stupid or an idiot, so she said she stopped talking. On the tape Mr. LANE is interviewing a lady- and one of his questions starts "And Miss HILL"--Mr. LANE has recordings of his interviews. "Bullet hit her side"--"and she was on the side where the Book Depository is located"--(FBI made so much fun of her, she shut up- or the Secret Service). Mr. LANE spoke of the taxicab driver "DARRYL CLICK" who was supposed to have driven LEE OSWALD to his room to change his clothes and pick up another gun. He said the Taxicab Assn and the Union have no such person as "DARRYL CLICK" and he has not been located. Mr. LANE further stated that F.B.I. Agent HOSTEE investigated LEE OSWALD the week before Mr. KENNEDY was due in Dallas. F.B.I. knew all about him, his living conditions, and that he worked at the Book Depository Bldg. "So they let LEE OSWALD walk along the street with an Italian carbine wrapped in a brown paper, how silly can one get." Mr. LANE drew outlines on a blackboard indicating and showing how impossible it was for LEE OSWALD to fire the shots from the 6th floor of Book Depository Bldg.

Mr. LANE spoke about OSWALD's association with "Fair Play for Cuba"- Mr. LANE has collected information from Chicago, Dallas and also has a copy of an article that he said was published in Dallas the day before the assassination but has disappeared since

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the assassination. Mr. LANE secured his copy from an Italian newspaper- This article has two side view sketches of Mr. KENNEDY and is headed "Wanted for Treason"- Mr. LANE spoke about BERNARD WEISSMAN, Officer TIPPITT and a third person ("whom I will not mention now" said Mr. LANE.) who met in the Carousel, the week before the assassination. The Carousel is the strip-tease club owned and operated by JACK RUBY. Mr. LANE spoke about the bullets and their paths of entry- and how the local police had reported one direction of entry- saying they should know as they handle shootings daily- After a newspaper woman had inquired from a Mr. PERRY in Dallas he changed his theory and said they were exit bullets- He made much about the third bullet that was found on the caisson under Mr. KENNEDY's back after he had died. This "found bullet" would account for the third shot- but he claims this incident was also hushed up.

ANNETTE T. RUBENSTEIN was the next speaker- She is a professor at N.Y.U. and is an author of several books. She spoke about injustice and indifference to the fate of individuals. She said the "National Guardian" has always stood for fair play for all citizens.- She emphasized the "Guardian's" efforts in behalf of the 6 Negroes in Trenton in 1948- railroaded for robbery, rape and murder. Also for ANNA LOUISE STRONG- falsely condemned without being heard. The ROSENBERG Case- falsely accused as spies- SOBEL still in prison - flimsy evidence- Then she spoke about the \$25,000 in cash which the "Guardian" posted for the meeting to take place. This money was not all of the "Guardian". She asked for contributions- starting with a request for \$500- (none) then \$100 (several) coming down to \$45, to \$1. etc. and then change which the ushers were not prepared to handle as no baskets went by-

She made a quotation from either RALPH WALDO EMERSON or FOREAU, about "Freedom of speech and freedom of conscience but saving the prudence not to use either one-". She appealed to people to write to their Congressmen to defeat the budget allowance to the "Un-American Activities Committee" as this committee is opposed to American Bill of Rights.

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Mrs. MARGUERITE OSWALD was the next speaker. She wore a trim black outfit - high heel black shoes, and black leather gloves. She received quite an ovation from the audience- some giving her a standing ovation. She spoke about the counsel engaged for her daughter-in-law being unfavorable to the F.B.I. and the Secret Service. She said she had appealed to Mr. RANKIN in Washington, and to President JOHNSON, to give her son the right to a fair investigation but received no help so she wrote to the Guardian and Mr. LANE volunteered. She stated that she had known that her son LEE was a Marxist, etc., but she always felt he had a right to his opinion as every one else has. She claimed that a proper investigation will prove that her son was a member of the C.I.A. and the F.B.I. She further stated that in 1959 after receiving letters from her son from Russia she went to Washington- with some of these letters- and they admitted he belonged to C.I.A." but sometimes their people defect too."

Mrs. MARGUERITE OSWALD stated that she had documents to prove her statements. She invited the newsmen to research the press reports for 1959 to prove her statement. She kept repeating "that I believe in the American way"- and all she wants is "the American way" to prove her son innocent- She also stated that "MARINA and I loved LEE, just as much as Mrs. KENNEDY loved her husband". She said that when some one pressed her for a reply to the question "Did you send Mrs. KENNEDY a message of condolence". She replied, "No, because she didn't send me any." No one took her up on the sequence of deaths here. Mrs. OSWALD made remarks to the effect that MARINA was kept incommunicado for 9 weeks and now all her testimony has been changed. Mr. LANE said this too.

There were so many photographers one people in the audience got annoyed while Mrs. OSWALD was speaking and the audience shouted at the photographers to move because they were sick of them. But MARGUERITE didn't mind- she said she will keep pestering people in high places until her son receives the investigation done in the American way. She said that she has received more than 1500 letters of help- All letters are answered personally. Her address is P. O. Box 9578, Fort Worth, Texas.

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One of the reporters directed a question to Mrs. OSWALD. He was slow in forming his question and was urged by Mr. LANE to hurry on as the meeting had to be adjourned soon - The question started - "The press reports your many divorces ----" The crowd shouted at him- one woman kept saying- "you animal, you animal"- Mr. LANE asked them not to do it- "do not let it be said, we fight among ourselves"- MARGUERITE was willing to answer the question- she seemed more than willing- but the audience disturbance didn't permit it- One gentleman a former resident of Dallas could not understand how LEE OSWALD got to the theater where he was captured in such a short time- and the place where he reportedly boarded the bus- When the head usher was finished admonishing the little reporter who asked MARGUERITE about her divorces- this Dallas person asked his question- The little reporter with the big question threw his coat down and exclaimed "You communists are all alike"- This same reporter had a small tape recorder on the stage just below the lectern- besides he had a camera too.

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As the people left the meeting it was really snowing and then raining.