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# SCHOOL DOESN'T RECALL OSWALD

## Principal, Students Can't Remember Him

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Miss Amy H. Illrichs, retired principal at Warren Easton High School, thought for a moment.

"I can't recall the name, Lee Oswald," she said slowly. "And, usually, I do have a pretty good memory of my students."

"You just can't think that someone could have done something like assassinating President Kennedy. He must have been ill-adjusted, especially the way he flitted from parents to relatives."

This was a typical comment on Lee Harvey Oswald, the self-proclaimed Marxist who is charged in Dallas, Tex., with slaying down President Kennedy and wounding Texas Gov. John Connally.

"Flii," was an apt description of Oswald . . . at least, school-wise.

He transferred into Beauregard Junior High School in 1954 from Public School 41 in New York, N. Y. At Beauregard, according to Orleans Parish school board records, he was a below average student.

Oswald entered Warren Easton Sept. 8, 1955.

He filled out a questionnaire under favorite subjects, he listed civics, mathematics and science. His vocational choices were biology and mechanical drawing.

### LISTS FRIENDS 'NONE'

Under favorite pastimes, Oswald listed reading and outdoor sports, such as football.

Asked to name any close personal friends at Easton, he listed "none."

Despite his "below average" student status at Beauregard, Oswald scored handsomely on comparative achievement tests administered at Easton. He scored 23 percentile in reading, an avocation which he apparently enjoyed, and 85 in vocabulary. In test scoring, 55 per cent is considered average.

According to Easton records, his mother wrote a letter dated Oct. 5, 1955, saying that the family was leaving for San Diego, Calif. However, six months later, Easton officials received a letter requesting his transcript from a Ft. Worth, Tex., high school.

According to Oswald's answer . . . in Sec. 1, Page 28, Col. 1

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that he had no personal friends at Easton. The Times-Picayune called student after student in the 1955 circa and none recalled him. Probably best illustrating the answers given was this one: "I never even knew he went to Easton."

Edward Collier, a classmate of Oswald at Beauregard Junior High School, described the accused slayer thusly:

"He just didn't get along with the others, you'd have to say he was a loner.

"As I recall, we called him Yank, because he had a Yankee accent.

He got in a series of fights.

One of his opponents was John Neumeyer, owner of the Sands Lounge in Jefferson Parish. "What did we fight about?" Neumeyer repeated a question "I don't know exactly. But we fought on the side of the school. It just was, he fought a little bit."

"He was quiet, went to classes and didn't get into any trouble except those fights."

"I don't remember him pulling around with anyone. He didn't have any buddies."

The chunk of mystery which surrounds Oswald is so far being cracked.

These close public relations were by the International Labor Mart recalled an encounter this summer here with Oswald.

"In Alice and I were coming back from lunch one afternoon," he said, "and this fellow handed out to be Oswald handing out Fair Play for Cuba leaflets."

### HE DROPPED LEAFLET HERE

"I took the leaflet, looked at it and said to Alice, 'Look at this Communist stuff.' I threw it down, but then thought again and picked it up."

"Why was he handing out leaflets in front of the Mart? I would say that it was because he was protesting our flying of the Cuban flag at the Mart. We did this because of the Bay of Pigs incident."

"I kept a folder made up of these because the Mart was a Communist front."

Oswald was active summer in New Orleans. He appeared at the instance of House Speaker W. P. Austin Aug. 21 and was asked about his Fair Play for Cuba organization.

Here are some revealing par-

agraphs, as transcribed from Oswald's own words on the page 28.

It is correct I lived in Russia for three years, and because of this fact, it gives me excellent qualifications to repudiate charges that Cuba and the Fair Play for Cuba Committee is Communist controlled.

The Fair Play for Cuba Committee is the public arm of the Communist Party, USA, which is supported primarily by the United American Youth League.

### WON'T TELL MEMBERSHIP

"I do not recall how many members there were in the Fair Play for Cuba Committee. However, it is a student operating program for a political organization consisting of a political nursery to educate the names and the names of its members."

"Asked if he is a Marxist," Oswald said, "Yes, I am a Marxist."

Questioned about the difference between a Marxist and Communist Oswald said "The difference is primarily between a country like Great Britain, Yugoslavia, China or Russia. Very very great difference differences which we appreciate by giving aid, let's say, to let's say, Yugoslavia in the sum of \$100 million or so dollars per year."

"Many parties, many countries are based on Marxism. Many countries, such as Great Britain, display very Socialist characteristics. I believe that the Socialist movement is in Britain."

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Sen. Edward Butler, Cuban  
 Professor Fidel Castro had  
 labeled President Kennedy as a  
 "trifling and a thief." Did Os-  
 wald agree with this?

"I would not agree with that  
 particular wording," Oswald  
 answered. "However, I and the  
 Fair Play for Cuba Committee  
 do think that the United  
 States government, through  
 certain agencies, namely the  
 State Department and the Cen-  
 tral Intelligence Agency, has  
 made a number of serious mis-  
 takes in its relations with the  
 "Castro" which are pushing  
 Cuba into the sphere of activity  
 of the very degenerate  
 Communist country as China  
 is."

**COULDN'T DEBATE**

Edward Samuel Butler, ex-  
 ecutive director of the Inter-  
 nation Council for the Americas,  
 was on the panel with  
 Oswald. He got off him, the  
 could not debate. But, when  
 the arguments got past  
 the others he seemed a bit  
 nervous.

Butler thinks the Oswald  
 case does not appear as if  
 it appears on the surface.  
 There was a young man  
 after exposure to three years of  
 imprisonment in Russia.

...of refugees - doctors,  
 lawyers, laborers, dockhands -  
 to record their voices for the  
 council. Everywhere I have  
 heard the same stories of de-  
 humanized Communists who  
 consider themselves superior,  
 moral gods with the right  
 power to give, or take, human  
 life.

"I have had only to shake  
 Oswald a few minutes to know  
 that he was like that."

WJLS's Ed Butler, who  
 in the program was  
 thought of as a man,  
 never seemed to me to be  
 of him as a dangerous crim-  
 inal. I put him down as  
 a man who would not  
 go to any way out a man.

An observer at the debate was  
 Butler's younger brother, Rhett,  
 a Tulane University law stu-  
 dent.

It was impossible not to  
 notice that his Oswald's hand-  
 shake was without exuberance.

It would appear that Os-  
 wald never had a job which  
 required him to use his hands.  
 They were soft and clammy,  
 the student recalled.

To Rhett, the conservatively  
 dressed pro-Castro first ap-  
 peared a little nervous, but firm  
 and eager to talk.

But he was not nervous  
 Oswald's was a very dignified  
 Communist country as China  
 is."

...of Oswald and the United States courts  
 are the one who have to prove  
 if Oswald is the killer or if he  
 is not," said Bringuer.

Are you the same Lee H  
 Oswald who spent two years in  
 Russia?

**'BOLT OF LIGHTNING'**  
 Edward Butler had done  
 some merrymaking in Washington,  
 and learned of Oswald's attempt  
 at renouncing citizenship and  
 his stay in Russia.

"It was like a bolt of light-  
 ning," Butler said "which turned  
 Oswald's face red and start-  
 ed him nervously nodding his  
 head forward trying to answer  
 the question before it was com-  
 pletely asked."

Butler was very surprised that  
 the question caught Oswald so  
 off guard. It seemed as if he  
 believed no one would ever ex-  
 pose him.

Butler and in the debate, he  
 seemed to show particular ani-  
 mosity toward my brother Ed-  
 ward.

"At the time of the debate it  
 did not worry me.

"He seemed so harmless."

Carlos Bringuer, the anti-  
 Castro leader who scuffled with  
 Oswald and was an interrogator  
 in the radio program, Saturday  
 emphasized that he is not ac-  
 cusing Oswald of the murder  
 of President Kennedy.

**SAYS COURTS TO PROVE**

The prosecution must prove

and the United States courts  
 are the one who have to prove  
 if Oswald is the killer or if he  
 is not," said Bringuer.

His comment came after he  
 was approached at his place  
 of business by a middle-aged  
 man who accused him of  
 "blaming an innocent man."  
 Bringuer says he accuses  
 Oswald only of being a pro-  
 Castro agent in the United  
 States.

"I will assure this forever,"  
 he said, "and if he is the man  
 who killed President Kennedy,  
 you will find behind him Fidel  
 Castro's hands. There have  
 been 10,000 deaths by the Com-  
 munist regime in Cuba and  
 Cubans now suffer in prison,  
 and I will not fear the insur-  
 mulations from those who say I  
 am lying about Mr. Oswald."

How did Oswald support his  
 family here?

According to the records of a  
 local coffee processor, he was  
 employed as an oiler in the  
 maintenance dept. from May  
 10, 1963, to July 19. At that time,  
 he was dismissed, simply be-  
 cause he wasn't doing the job,  
 a company spokesman said.

The spokesman described him  
 as being quiet and often  
 nervous.

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