

Marina and Ruth and Michael Paine said Oswald was a Trotskyite Marxist.²² Trotskyites were the heart of the Socialist Workers Party, the key element in the Fair Play for Cuba Committee.²³

Without waiting for a formal reply from the national office, Oswald acted as though he had permission to start an independent chapter. Picking up where he left off with his Dallas demonstration on behalf of Fair Play, he decided to begin passing out leaflets in New Orleans, but on a grander scale. On Wednesday, May 29, he went to the Jones Printing Company, opposite the side entrance of the Reilly company. Using the name Lee Osborne, he said he needed a thousand handbills. He handed the receptionist an 8-by-10-inch sheet of paper on which he had written:

It was not a "receptionist" which that small of reception did not have. This is CUBA! probably another reason he did not include 0 in N.O., as a source because it includes Free Literature, Lectures FBI reports indi- cating it was Location: not Oswald who got these handbills, confirmed me by Doug has from

HANDS
 OFF
 CUBA!
 Join the Fair Play for
 Cuba Committee
 New Orleans Charter
 Member Branch
 Free Literature, Lectures
 Location: *not*
 Everyone Welcome!²⁴

no source

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Again under the alias Osborne, he ordered five hundred copies of a yellow, 4-by-9-inch membership application for his Fair Play for Cuba "chapter" from the Mailers' Service Company on Magazine Street.²⁵ Next, also with Mailers' Service, he placed an order for three hundred 2½-by-3½-inch membership cards.²⁶ By June 4, when Oswald picked up the thousand handbills from the Jones Printing Company, he had received a response from Fair

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*The question of how Oswald could afford such large printing orders on his minimal income has led some to suggest he had secret sources of funding. Oswald paid cash for all the orders. The 1,000 flyers cost \$9.89; the 500 membership applications were \$9.34; and the 300 membership cards cost \$3.50. The \$22.73 printing costs came in a month in which Oswald's total income was \$157.58, and with only \$44 on housing for the prorated month, he had more than enough for the printing costs (WC Report, App. XIV; Burcham Ex. 1, WC Vol. XIX, p. 192).