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Two widely separated persons died this week who were touched by the recent assassinations in this country. Mrs. Mary Bledsoe, 72, died March 27 in Dallas. Judge W. Preston Battle, 60, of Memphis died on March 31, 1969.

Lee Oswald lived at Mrs. Bledsoe's rooming house for one week; then he became obnoxious and she ran him out. Amazingly Mrs. Bledsoe just happened to be on the bus on which it is claimed Oswald rode for two blocks, and she claimed she recognized her ex-roomer.

We do not count the death of Mrs. Bledsoe. She lied to the Warren Commission, but so did Earl Warren. We see no reason for her to be killed at this late date.

But the death of Judge Battle is a different matter. The Judge had to know of the dirty deals which were made in order to assure that there be no true trial for James Earl Ray. Since the furor which has been raised about the mock trial of Ray, it was important to see that the principals in this deal be removed from temptation. Percy Foreman should be getting a little nervous now; but he has defended so many assassins, he seems to have immunity.

Percy will have immunity until his bosses have used him as much as they dare. Beware Percy, beware.