

THE ASSASSINATION:—THE VERDICT IS IN

Findings May Clinch Citizenship for Mrs. Oswald

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—
The American citizenship that Marina Oswald says she wants may very well hang on what the Warren Commission reports tomorrow.

The final decision on the application of the Russian widow of President Kennedy's alleged assassin will rest with the judge who eventually hears her petition for citizenship. But it is the opinion of some immigration officials here that it will have to be proven that she was in no way involved in certain of her late husband's activities.

The Commission's extensive questioning of Mrs. Oswald, which consumed 20 hours over four days, is certain to provide these answers.

Both Daughters Are American Citizens

To become a citizen, all applicants must be of good moral character; attached to the principles of the U.S. Constitution and disposed to the good order and happiness of the country. A thorough investigation also is made into their background here and in their native land.

In any event, Mrs. Oswald, who was 23 last July 17, still has to complete her five-year residency requirement for citizenship. She arrived in the United States on June 13, 1962.

Lee Harvey Oswald tried unsuccessfully to denounce his American citizenship during residence in the Soviet Union. Consequently, his American citizenship has passed on to his daughter June Lee, now 3, despite the fact that she was born in Russia. Mrs. Oswald's second daughter, 11-month-old Rachel, also is an American citizen.

In the meantime, and except for the fact that she was the wife of Lee Harvey Oswald, it could be said Marina Oswald has never had it so good.

Virtually penniless from the time she was born, Mrs. Oswald

has a trust fund of some \$67,000 for herself and her baby daughters. The money was contributed by sympathetic persons, almost all Americans, in the months following Oswald's murder on Nov. 24.

At present, she is living in a secluded cottage just east of Dallas, Tex. There, Mrs. Oswald and writer Priscilla Johnson are co-authoring a book for Harper & Row.

The youthful widow's Secret Service protection, which began shortly after her husband was murdered, ended when she concluded her testimony before the Warren Commission.

According to Harper & Row, the book is to be "an account of Marina Oswald by Priscilla Johnson, whose purpose is to do what it can to make public knowledge and historical fact of the origins of the tragic assassination of President Kennedy." The book is to be published in "early 1965."

A spokesman for the company indicated the book will be factual and not emotional.

It is not known how much money Mrs. Oswald is receiving from her contract with Harper & Row but the amount undoubtedly is sizeable.

All the money in the trust fund is tax free, since it was donated to Mrs. Oswald. Only the interest is taxable.

Mrs. Oswald still maintains a brick home in Richardson, Tex., about 14 miles northwest of Dallas. It cost about \$15,000 to \$18,000.

While living in Richardson, Mrs. Oswald frequently was seen working in her yard, walking the children, on grocery errands and occasionally talking to her neighbors. For the most part, she kept very much to herself.

She still "sees some of her

friends." Although no one knows for sure, one person she apparently does not see is Mrs. Marguerite Oswald, the mother of her late husband. The widow said of her mother-in-law:

"I don't want to talk to her. She is too much bad for me."

Mrs. Oswald has changed from those first pictures seen of her clutching her older daughter at her side in the Dallas police station.

The New Marina Shows Lot of Spirit

The new Marina emerged when she appeared as the first witness before the Warren Commission.

Her long, straight brown hair is now worn in a fashionable bouffant style. Her clothes are more chic and touches of make-up can be seen on her face. She has smoked cigarets in public and has sampled a few alcoholic drinks. All these things her late husband would not have allowed.

Within her slight frame—she is only five feet two inches and 100 pounds—there seems to be a lot of spirit.

Mrs. Oswald stood by her husband when times were rough and through situations she did not understand because, as she said, "I am a wife."

Now, she is molding a new life for herself and her children. Mrs. Oswald's English speaking ability has noticeably improved. She has expressed an interest in practicing pharmacy, a field she was trained in while a Russian student, and she plans to remain in Texas because she "likes Texas very much."

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