

Behind Suppression Of Kennedy Autopsy



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WEST GERMANY'S news magazine, Stern, is the first periodical in the world to publish what may well be the real explanation for one suppressed part of the investigation of President Kennedy's death.

Stern's Senior Editor Henri Nannen came to Washington to investigate the assassination, and talked with members of the Warren Commission.

Stern explains the suppression of the autopsy report on the grounds that President Kennedy was suffering from Addison's disease and his family did not want it known.

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"THE KENNEDYS had reason to keep silent," says Stern. "A sick Kennedy was killed in Dallas . . . Kennedy had Addison's disease. This is not totally unknown; Theodore Sorensen mentioned it in his 'Kennedy' biography.

"There is no medical reason why a man afflicted with this disease should not be President (since the illness can be controlled like diabetes), but politically Kennedy's illness could become dangerous. Addison's illness — it sounds sinister.

"For the Kennedys there was no doubt of the murderer — Lee Harvey Oswald." Continues Stern:

"But the Kennedys went one step further: In withholding the detailed autopsy-report of the Addison condition, which would mean that the illness and its degree was to be kept a secret.

"The suppression of the Addison's disease in the autopsy report explains also the attitude of the doctor who requested the inclusion in the Warren report of the fact that he destroyed his notes . . . other-

wise hundreds of people would have been faced with lying under oath, which would have been deplorable."

Note — when the late President Kennedy was a candidate for the Democratic nomination, the report persisted that he was suffering from Addison's disease. However this was emphatically denied by the Kennedy family.

Later many physicians pointed out that the swelling of the late President's face — he became much fuller-faced after entering the White House — was the result of cortisone, which he had been taking in heavy doses to check Addison's disease. Doctors state that cortisone has several side effects — a puffy face, increased sex urge, and over-confidence.

(In November of 1960 President Kennedy's doctors in reporting on the state of his health said that during the war the President got malaria, with a partial adrenal insufficiency — fully controllable by oral medication — which some doctors might have diagnosed as a mild form of Addison's disease.)

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TIPS to Internal Revenue: Check on Schick safety razors, a division of Eversharp, to see whether Patrick J. Frawley, Jr., chairman, charges off as legitimate advertising the Sunday supplement published in California November 6, urging California voters to vote for proposition 16. The Sunday supplement was billed as "a political advertisement," and therefore is not tax deductible. . . . also take a look at the vigorous political activities of Stefan T. Possony, sparkplug of the Hoover library in Leland Stanford University, which also enjoys tax exemption on the basis of being nonpolitical.

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