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## Fair Trial For Oswald

**T**HE TRIAL OF Lee Harvey Oswald is over and he has been found guilty of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, acting on his own as one man possessed by a lethal dementia.

The overwhelming evidence, meticulously examined by the Warren Commission, convicts Oswald as the man who pulled the trigger and rejects the rumors of an organized ring of plotters, foreign or domestic.

**No room is left for reasonable doubt.**

The fact is that Oswald dead received a fairer and more revealing trial than Oswald could have alive.

**THE PROCEEDINGS** against a living Oswald could have been little more than a courtroom spectacular. The Warren Commission was able to marshal its facts, for Oswald and against Oswald, without the distraction of rhetorical thunder and has done so with a thoroughness that reflects credit on each member.

The only thing missing in the post-mortem trial was the psychiatric examination of Oswald alive. But even the assassin's sanity—or rather his apparent lack of it—seems to have been answered conclusively by the commission's exhaustive inquiries.

**It is interesting, but fruitless, to speculate on what the ultimate punishment of Oswald would have been had not Jack Ruby volunteered himself as a one-man squad of execution.**

For all except those with unshakable preconceptions the Warren report sets at rest the rumors of Oswald as the agent of some vast conspiracy in which Ruby himself was possibly one link.

History shows that no American presidential assassin, nor any who seriously attempted to carry out an assassination, were part of a substantially organized ring whose strategems included a presidential murder as part of a grand scheme.

All essentially were loners and Oswald emerges as that from the massive documentaries of the Warren Commission.

**A GOOD PART** of the criticism of the Secret Service and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, as well as the State Department, is hindsight.

The grim truth is that it is impossible to afford the President of the United States 100 percent protection against the violence of the lunatic. Tragically enough, President Kennedy expressed this same sentiment on the very day of his death and unconsciously predicted how that death would come.

**While admiring his blithe courage, we cannot help but feel concern for President Lyndon B. Johnson's own disregard of security precautions.**

The President cannot allow himself to become a prisoner in the White House—it is good for the people to see him and better yet for him to see the people—but surely the President must regard himself as too valuable a piece of property of the United States of America to permit himself to disregard the ordinary rules of prudence.

The radical leftist press of Europe continues to see the assassination as the work of some phantom network, but their comments are a knee jerk reaction for their own political ends.

Likewise radical Americans of both left and right will cling to their theories of conspiracy and would not be swayed from them by an oath to the contrary taken on Judgment Day.

**AS FOR THE** future, we hope for constructive legislation—as the commission proposes—to tighten security measures. And certainly all federal agencies concerned—the Secret Service in particular—should be re-examining their own procedures and tightening inter-agency liaison.

The nation had a tragic lesson thrust on it last Nov. 22. It would be equally tragic if nothing were learned from it.