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# Editorial

## Before the Brush Fires Are Out, Mopping Up Has Started

People with combat experience know and many avid newspaper readers have come to realize that a mopping up of the opposition comes immediately after the small or brush fire type wars have been stopped. The United States Government has been busy in recent weeks quieting the conspiracy brush fires—the phony Sirhan Sirhan trial in Los Angeles—Jim Garrison's defeat in New Orleans and the Earl Ray-Percy Foreman show in Memphis which was the hokey of all hokey trials.

Percy Foreman has been defending assassins in Texas for more than twenty years, a career which becomes more putrefying as each case goes into history. He has a standing fee of \$100,000 per case, but he undertook the Ray case for no money, so we are told.

It is regrettable that Ray did not have the courage to face the judge five more minutes and tell what he knew of the conspiracy before he went to prison for 99 years. He did not tell, so we are left confused and confounded by a farce trial. Even the jury had agreed in advance what the punishment was to be. So the real evidence in the case would not come before the public?

Really the mopping up of small pockets of opposition did not wait until the trails we call brush wars were over. Not only did the New Orleans coroner, Dr. Nicholas Chetta, die under strange circumstances, now his brother-in-law, Professor Henry Delaune was murdered Jan. 26, 1969. Professor Delaune once worked at the Coroner's office. Chetta performed the autopsies on such people as Robert Perrin, David Ferrie, Dr. Mary Sherman and others.

Now the mopping up seems to have begun in Los Angeles. According to the papers, Dr. Thomas Noguchi, the coroner who supervised the autopsy of Senator Robert Kennedy, is insane! In June 1968 Dr. Noguchi insisted to the Los Angeles Grand Jury that the gun which put the bullet into Senator Robert Kennedy's brain was not more than "two or three inches from the edge of the right ear." Eye

witnesses testified Sirhan Sirhan was never closer than four or five feet to the Senator.

This left the government only two alternatives. Either they must stretch Sirhan's arm, or they must discredit Dr. Noguchi. Discrediting seems to have been chosen and is well under way.

The pressures on those who continue to insist on the conspiracies will increase as the mopping up comes to a close. The pressures will come in many forms. To all those who know something and intend to tell it, we urge speed.