

FREEDOM OF OPINION**Who wanted Kennedy out of the way?**

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Who pulled the trigger that killed Robert Kennedy is only a detail. What's important is who wanted him dead, and why.

The same holds true for John Kennedy, Malcolm X, Medgar Evers, Martin Luther King and scores of other less famous.

We are having a civil war. Two forces are contending for domination—those who want to preserve the present social and economic system, and those who want to change it. The two Kennedys, Malcolm, Evers, King and the others were on the side of changing the system.

If someone assassinated George Wallace, do you think there would be a worldwide reaction of shock and sorrow? Wallace is the leader of those who are against change.

Most policemen and those who make up what we call the mass media either do not understand this self-evident state of our times, or they have developed a convenient mental block that does

not allow the realization to enter their consciousness.

Generally speaking, those our mass media speak for are those our police work so hard to protect. They think of themselves as "upholding law and order," and of maintaining the present system, the American way.

Outside this circle of friends is most of humanity, including that famous two-thirds of humanity that goes to bed hungry, and this majority cannot possibly survive without changing the present system.

For all this hunger and poverty is no isolated phenomenon, as many a goodhearted liberal seems to think. God did not make so much of humanity "inferior;" the system did.

The system is like a drama. All born into it have roles to play. If you are born the heir to the Rockefeller fortune, you do not play the same role as one born the heir to Harlem or Harlan County poverty. This system, this old order, is the source of

the violence we are all in favor of getting rid of. It has been, and is, a violence against humanity.

The origin, the seed of this system, goes back to old European colonialism. Spain, France, Britain, etc. claimed "possessions" in the Americas, Africa and Asia. By the laws and customs of the peoples of these continents, no Europeans had any claim upon them or their lands, but the laws of the colonialists were—to put it mildly—different. So were their methods, the ways they devised to "uphold" their laws and their order.

Our "founding fathers" revolted against the British Empire but the American ruling class then imitated it, structuring our laws and our social order on that which they had rebelled against. So we had slavery, and we had industrial exploitation, and we had our builders of a worldwide empire.

All based on this system that proclaims getting more for less is the name of the game and the game has become God. In any

commercial transaction, someone must profit and someone therefore must lose. Those who profited became our "best" families, while those who lost—had the fruits of their lands and their labors taken from them, by law and by order—are now that two-thirds of humanity going to bed hungry.

But there is a phenomenon in life, a sort of built-in balance of natural and psychic forces that can be expressed in sayings like, what you send out you'll get back triple. Or, you reap what you have sown. This of course is unfortunate for the members of our "best" families and for those who look up to them, but none the less it is one of the deeper truths of our earthly existence. Now the old order is on the verge of reaping what has been sown.

Because it cannot possibly survive, no matter how many Oswalds "acting alone" or Sirhans who "hate rich people and Jews" are pounded into our brains. Life has
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a built-in survival instinct that will manifest itself through humanity to destroy the old system, the old order, and to create something humanity can survive with.

But the old order will not die easily, as we are witnessing. It will need some help from its friends to make it decline and fall. Its friends are we who live in it, who play our various roles in it, and who know the time of its death has arrived.

Now we are hearing a lot on

radio and TV about "maintaining law and order." But the laws of this doomed order are absurd, cruel, chaotic and often stated in language so outmoded it is ludicrous. With such laws it is impossible to have anything other than chaos.

These laws spring from the seed of colonialism, and the values that nurtured that are nothing but a curse upon humanity. The assumptions they were based on became that seed that created our present world of grotesque wealth and grotesque poverty, white racism, political assassination and the slaughter of the peoples of Southeast Asia by American maintainers of these laws and that old order.

So it is our system that is at the core of this rotten situation, and it won't be until we have destroyed that system that we can create something else that will suit us all.

Those who have dedicated their lives to preserving that system use weapons, not reason, for they

feel backed to the wall and panicked. Any animal backed to the wall in a life-or-death struggle is bound to be as ferocious as he can be, and humans are an especially ferocious animal, so we are in for some bad times.

It's important to keep in mind, as we go through these bad times, what we are against and what we are for: the progress and welfare of human beings. Because what we are for gives us the strongest ally in the world—life itself, the survival instinct that manifests itself everywhere, in everything and everybody, including defenders of the old order. Everything and everybody except, that is, the old order itself, which is doomed.

If we keep this in mind and help others realize it, scenarios about who pulled the triggers and why will not confuse us, for we will know in the deepest way who is defending what, how and why, and we will know that they can only win every battle but the last. Either we will win that or no one will.