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(ADVANCE) LONDON, MONDAY, JAN. 16 (AP)-AN AMERICAN-BORN BRITISH JURIST PLEADED TODAY FOR AN END TO THE CONTROVERSY OVER PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION. HE SAID IT WAS DAMAGING THE UNITED STATES IMAGE ABROAD.

ARTHUR L. ^{GOOD}BOGDHART, 75-YEAR-OLD PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF OXFORD UNIVERSITY WHO WAS BORN IN NEW YORK CITY, REVIEWED THE MAIN PUBLISHED MATERIAL ABOUT THE PRESIDENT'S DEATH IN THE JANUARY ISSUE OF BRITAIN'S LAW QUARTERLY (CAPS L Q), WHICH HE EDITS.

"IT MUST BE REMEMBERED THAT HOWEVER MANY ZEROS ARE ADDED TOGETHER, THE RESULT WILL STILL BE ZERO," HE CONCLUDED.

"IT IS TRUE," WROTE GOODHART, "THAT IT MAY BE DIFFICULT TO EXPLAIN ON RATIONAL GROUNDS RUBY'S KILLING OF OSWALD, BUT SUCH IRRATIONALITY CAN BE FOUND IN MANY MURDER CASES. IT IS TRUE TO A FAR GREATER EXTENT TO THE CRUEL AND MEANINGLESS ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY.

"IT DOES NOT FOLLOW, HOWEVER FROM THIS THAT A SINGLE EXPLANATION FOR BOTH THESE CRIMINAL ACTS CAN BE FOUND IN AN ALLEGED CONSPIRACY WHICH IS SO VAGUE ITSELF THAT NO TWO PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY THE AUTHORIS OF THESE VARIOUS BOOKS AND ARTICLES, CAN AGREE ON ITS PURPOSE. THAT THERE HAS BEEN A SUDDEN WAVE OF THESE RECENT PUBLICATIONS PROVES NOTHING"

GOODHART RECALLED THAT THE WARREN COMMISSION HAD POINTED OUT IT WAS SOMETIMES IMPOSSIBLE TO GIVE ABSOLUTE PROOF OF A NEGATIVE.

"THIS IS TRUE IN REGARD TO A POSSIBLE SECOND, OR A THIRD, A FOURTH OR A FIFTH ASSASSIN," HE ADDED.

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"THERE WILL, THEREFORE, NEVER BE AN ABSOLUTE AND FINAL ANSWER TO THE ALLEGATIONS MADE IN THESE BOOKS. THAT DOES NOT MEAN, HOWEVER, THAT ANY WEIGHT NEED BE GIVEN TO THEM UNLESS THERE IS SOME REASONABLE, OR EVEN POSSIBLE, EVIDENCE THAT WOULD JUSTIFY A CONTINUING DOUBT."

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REFERRING TO MARK LANE'S "RUSH TO JUDGMENT" AND EDWARD JAY EPSTEIN'S "INQUEST," GOODHART SAID:

"THESE TWO BOOKS CAN DO LITTLE HARM IN THE UNITED STATES BECAUSE IT IS DOUBTFUL WHETHER THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE WHO SERIOUSLY BELIEVE THAT THERE WAS A SECOND ASSASSIN WHO VANISHED INTO THIN AIR...

"THE STORY, HOWEVER, IS AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT ONE ABROAD BECAUSE THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT ONLY PREPARED BUT EAGER TO BELIEVE IN THE TRUTH OF A STORY THAT CASTS SO MUCH DISCREDIT ON THE UNITED STATES. THIS HAS BECOME OBVIOUS IN RECENT YEARS.

"IT IS, THEREFORE, OF IMPORTANCE THAT THE EJP JOE ON WHICH THESE ALLEGATIONS HAVE BEEN BASED SHOULD BE CAREFULLY ANALYZED SO AS TO DETERMINE HOW MUCH TRUTH IS IN THEM. THIS IS A TASK WHICH THE LEGAL PROFESSION IN EVERY COUNTRY OUGHT TO PERFORM BECAUSE ALLEGATIONS WHICH ARE NOT ANSWERED IN TIME ARE ACCEPTED AS FACTS."

REMARKING THAT THE WARREN REPORT WAS RECEIVED WITH GENERAL APPROVAL IN ENGLAND EXCEPT BY LORD (BERTRAND) RUSSELL, GOODHART ATTACKED FORMATION OF THE "WHO KILLED KENNEDY COMMITTEE?" IN LONDON EARLY IN 1964.

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"ITS CHAIRMAN WAS BERTRAND RUSSELL, ASSISTED BY HIS SECRETARY, RALPH SCHOENMAN, AN AMERICAN," THE PROFESSOR SAID. "ITS MEMBERSHIP WAS ALMOST ENTIRELY LEFTIST...BUT IT ALSO INCLUDED HUGH TREVOR-ROPER, THE REGIUS PROFESSOR OF HISTORY AT OXFORD. IT WAS CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH THE AMERICAN CITIZEN COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY OF WHICH MR. MARK LANE WAS BOTH THE FOUNDER AND CHAIRMAN.

"...BUT THE RUSSELL COMMITTEE WAS UNIQUE IN THAT THE COMMISSION THAT IT WAS WATCHING HAD AS ITS CHAIRMAN THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE UNITED STATES AND AS ITS COUNSEL, MR. J. LEE RANKIN, A FORMER UNITED STATES SOLICITOR GENERAL. NO AMERICAN COMMITTEE HAS EVER PLAYED A SIMILAR ROLE IN REGARD TO AN ENGLISH TRIBUNAL."

GOODHART HOLDS HONORARY DOCTOR OF LAWS DEGREES FROM MANY AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES, INCLUDING WESLEYAN, CALIFORNIA, COLUMBIA, NEW YORK, WILLIAMS, PRINCETON, HARVARD, DARTMOUTH, PENNSYLVANIA, TULANE AND CINCINNATI.

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