

• *Silencers, Snipers & Assassins, An Overview of Whispering Death* by J. David Truby (Paladin Press, Box 1307, Boulder, Colo. 80302. 209 pages. \$15.95). J. David Truby (Penn State '68) is a young man I can well recall as the kid sitting in the next seat in journalism classes at Penn State, and the copywriter in the next office at a State College advertising agency a few years back. I always knew he had more than a passing interest in guns, warfare and the workings of the military mind. Just how much interest I never really fathomed until I read his new book. There is so much information in this book which has to be of a highly classified nature that it is not too far afield to compare it with Dr. Daniel Ellsberg's disclosure of the Pentagon Papers.

In fact, a conversation with the author and quizzing on this point brought the reply that there have been inquiries from the CIA regarding his sources of information in the short time the book has been in print.

In the final analysis, it is an eye-opener to say the least, and should be the "gun nut" book of the year. I only hope Author Truby hasn't alienated any of the people he interviewed in the twilight world of international espionage, and there had to be many. As his book points out only too clearly, they have a rather rapid and quiet way of eliminating their mistakes.

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