

EDITORIALS

NUMBERS 70 AND 71

This week we record together strange deaths No. 70 and 71. One was a black man, an accomplished newsman, television personality and author. His name was Louis Lomax, 47, who died in an automobile accident in New Mexico. Little was published of his death in Los Angeles where Lomax had a very popular television program. He was very generous to this writer while on his show in 1966.

Lomax wrote "To Kill A Black Man" dealing with the deaths of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Malcolm X. Lomax also wrote on the coming conflict in Thailand. His book "Thailand: The War That Is, The War That Will Be" was published in 1967.

Lomax also was working on a history of the Negro people. Most importantly he carried out his own investigation into the strange activities of James Earl Ray after the killing of Dr. King.

Like so many other honest blacks, Lomax gave his life for his cause. It is only pigs like Stokely Carmichael, Rapp Brown and Eldridge Cleaver who can lead friends to slaughter then escape around the world making ridiculous statements.

The other death is that of Eddie Raymond "Buddy" Walthers who was the typical bad law officer. Walthers died of gun shot wounds while wrestling with an escaped convict. It was admitted at the trial of the convict for the shooting of Walthers that the fatal bullet could have come from the gun of Walthers' partner.

Walthers made all of the crucial spots during the assassination. He said he found a .45 caliber slug in the grass where the President was killed, but conveniently retracted his story a few days after the assassination. Walthers allegedly fenced stolen merchandise, he "shook down" prostitutes; he grew marijuana "experimentally" in his back yard. But Walthers had one of the largest funerals Dallas has seen. Peace Officers from all over Texas came to pay homage to a fallen comrade.

Both of these deaths, we feel, were made necessary because of the assassination. Walthers seemed to have read the script by his fast maneuvers after the killing of the President. Lomax seemed amazed by my TV remarks in 1966, but he continued to work and probe for the truth. That, we feel, is why he "lost control" of his car while "attempting to pass another car" near Santa Rosa, New Mexico on Thursday, July 30, 1970.

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The Dallas Times Herald of December 3, has a smiling photo of Al Maddox who has moved to a new high position in Sheriff Clarence Jones' office.

This seems an unusual promotion for a deputy with such poor aim. At the trial of James Walter Cherry, it was admitted that the bullet which killed Deputy Buddy Walthers could have come from Maddox' gun.

Well, Walthers talked too much about the assassination of President Kennedy. Maddox ain't said nothing.

Lomax: see also King file 1 Aug 70, CIA, Jan 69, review of his "To Kill a Black Man."