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See Kennedy Plot

Paris

"You can't tell me," said the Belgian, "that there wasn't a conspiracy in the assassination of President Kennedy. We know better.

"Someone paid Oswald to shoot the president, and then arranged for Ruby to murder Oswald to cover the tracks. Isn't that the way your underworld operates?"

That assertion is typical of the doubts and skepticism that linger in Europe more than three weeks after Mr. Kennedy's death.

Despite stories about the FBI report finding no evidence of a plot, few here will believe it. Ask almost any European, and you get the same response, with only slight variations.

MURDER

In Moscow, where com-mentators have contrived to place the blame alternately on far-rightist groups in the United States and on "Trotskyite elements," the current

line is that the assassination was carried out by Murder, Inc.

In Paris, where readers

are inured to exposes of the innermost secrets of kings and queens, the complica- | continued. tions are taken several stops further.

The plot in America is said to involve the mafia, of Frank Sinatra, who was 1 cosa nostra, big steel, the known as a close friend of arms industry and the kid- Kennedy, tends to show that

FBI report tended to quiet speculation. Even there, tor two weeks popular papers carried on a running debate about sinister aspects which some writers contended were being covered up.

POLICE

The belief that Dallas police connived in Ruby's murder of Oswald and then attempted to hide the evidence is widely held here. Reporting from Washington in Le Figaro, Leo Sauvage

implied a similar intent in the national investigation.

"The atmosphere which is developing around the in-quiry in Washington is beginning to be sadly remi-

niscent of that which marked the inquiry in Dallas," he wrote.

Perhaps the highest-orbiting speculative rocket was launched by Jean - Claude Servan - Schreiber, an otherwise conservative analyst, in front-page article in Les Echos.

CRIME

Everyone has read, he began, the statements of "gangster Valachi" about the "su preme association of crime," Cosa Nostra, which has "deep - rooted political branches" in every American city and state. "Who says that Dallas is not under its control?" control?"

One of the major actions of President Kennedy and Attorney General Robert Kennedy, Servan - Schreiber

continued, was to move against cosa nostra. Hence the organization had to coun-

terattack. "The kidnaping of the son naping of Frank Sinatra Jr. Interes will not rest there. aping of Frank Sinatra Jr. If I were Bob Kennedy, I Only in Britain has the think I would be careful!"

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