

Russ Fright At Violence In America

Moscow
Moscow believes it knows the truth about the murder of President Kennedy and his accused assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald.

The accusing finger has not pointed only at the John Birch Society and other extremists. D. F. Kraminov, editor of the weekly *Abroad*, which provides the ordinary Soviet reader with his only glimpse of the Western press, said yesterday that "the powerful monopolies have inspired and financed the 'wild men'—their spoken or unspoken will has directed the hand of the murderer."

Many Russians are genuinely frightened by the degree of violence that they believe exists in America and, because it is directed at them, they take very seriously the hatreds of the extreme right.

The affair has shown how delicate is the Soviet operation of talking more or less reasonably to America. Which, after all, it may be asked here, was the real America? The right wing which, according to Moscow, killed President Kennedy, or Mr. Kennedy himself?

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Castro Questions Oswald's Guilt---

Miami, Fla.

Fidel Castro has cited "strange circumstances" in Lee Oswald's reported assassination of President Kennedy, and cast doubt on Oswald's guilt.

A telescopic sight, Castro told his people by radio, is made to shoot 300 or 500 yards or more, so "it is strange that someone who was going to make an attack from 80 yards from a window

would acquire a gun with a telescopic sight."

The Cuban Prime Minister, addressing students at the University of Havana, added: "Another thing. The gun was bought by mail for 12

dollars, or \$12.28 or \$12.78, and a good sight like that alone costs more than \$12." Castro declared in the broadcast heard here, "We buy many guns and sights like that and we know what

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they cost."

Castro suggested: "It could be that the gun appeared there as part of the plot."

He continued: "To fire against a moving object with the sight is a hindrance.

"This is very strange. It shows that it is not a case of a fanatic. Fanatics have used revolvers, pistols, hand grenades, etc."

Furthermore, Castro said, it is strange that a person

would try to attempt such an assassination "from the place where he worked, where within five minutes he would be pursued on all sides."

Instead, the Prime Minister suggested, "He would have

sought another roof, another building. He would have been situated with a telescopic rifle at a distance that would permit him to escape. This thing doesn't make sense."

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