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# KENNEDY'S DEATH FOUND EXPLOITED

## Extremists Held Capitalizing on 'Need' to Fix Blame

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The nation's extremists — both right and left — were accused yesterday of "organized crime" in exploiting President Kennedy's assassination for a "pattern of hate."

Such extremism "presents a clear and present danger because it tears at the democratic fabric of our republic," declared a fact-finding committee of the civil rights division of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

The committee's findings were based on observations of public meetings and the monitoring of publications.

A 4,000-word report was submitted to the league's national commission at the Savoy Hilton Hotel by Dore Schary, league chairman.

The report said opinion surveys indicated the majority of Americans believed the slayings of the President and his alleged assassin, Lee H. Oswald, "were the result of organized plotting" rather than individual actions.

This, the report said, "can be attributed to two causes: the psychological need to believe in meaning and design rather than absurdity and anarchy, and the influence of various extreme groups, left and right, which for years have been preaching the existence of plots and conspiracies in United States life—for their own dedicated purposes."

Analyzing extremist reports, the Anti-Defamation League said "one of the most bizarre" had been printed Jan. 9 by The Los Angeles Herald-Dispatch, a Negro weekly.

The league quoted Waldo

Phillips as writing that Mr. Kennedy was "shot at his own request" and that "medical reports had indicated that he had less than 90 days to live due to an intensified terminal malignant spinal cancer."

The article went on to assert, the league noted, that "the only way he could be remembered would be through some drastic sympathy-drawing act: an assassination," and that this would fit in with "silly reactions the Negroes would display."

Right-wing extremism, the league report said, included Gerald K. Smith's contention that Mr. Kennedy was killed by a Communist because he was "preparing to double-cross the Muscovites and move to the right" and that "a Los Angeles Jew was raising money to free Rubenstein." The last reference was to the original name of Jack Ruby, Oswald's killer.

Common Sense, a Union, N. J., publication, was quoted as saying "Kennedy outlived his usefulness as a front for Communism and Democracy (Jews)," and as suggesting he may have been "liquidated by those who posed as his best friends."

Rear Adm. John G. Crommelin, a trustee of the Elmore County (Ala.) White Citizens Council, was reported to have said "Communist Jews" killed the President.

Abroad, the Arab press, the league said, "generally pointed out that Jack Ruby was Jewish and spoke of a 'Zionist plot.'"

The Chinese Nationalist press, the study said, contended the Chinese Communist regime was behind the President's murder. While in South Africa, white supremacists blamed the American Communist party.

The report asserted that "in one phase of his campaign to win the Republican nomination for President, Barry Goldwater recently echoed the Birch Society charge that President Kennedy was killed by the Communists."