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'Killed by Red Pals'

Birchers Resume Attack on Kennedy

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An article in a John Birch Society publication charged yesterday that President Kennedy was working for the Communists, but may have been assassinated because he was falling behind in the Communist timetable for the takeover of the United States.

Mr. Kennedy, said the article in the current issue of American Opinion, did much for the Communist conspiracy but "was rapidly becoming a political liability" to the Communists.

The article said "some competent observers" had concluded that the Communists had set 1963 as the date for the "effective capture of the United States" and that Mr. Kennedy had fallen behind.

The article was written by Revilo P. Oliver, a professor of classics at the University of Illinois. It suggested that the assassination was arranged "by the Communist conspiracy" to prepare for "a domestic takeover"—but the conspirators were frustrated by the capture of Lee Harvey Oswald, the alleged assassin.

Oliver is a member of the Birch Society's National Commission.

Robert H. W. Welch Jr., the Birch Society's founder and editor of the magazine, praised the 16-page article as "superb commentary."

ILLINOIS

(In Champaign, Ill., a University of Illinois spokesman said school officials wanted to read the article before making any decisions about either the story of its author.)

Charles Flynn, assistant to the university president, said:

"We assume that Professor Oliver has written his views as a private citizen. These are not, of course the views of the University of Illinois.")

ALTERNATIVES

Oliver advanced two alternative "explanations" of the assassination: That Mr. Kennedy was executed by the Communists "because he was planning to turn American"; and that the assassination was arranged by Cuban Premier Fidel Castro as the result of a rift within "the Communist conspiracy."

He also suggested that "the assassination of Kennedy may have been neces-

sary as the only means of avoiding, or even long deferring, national scandals so flagrant as to shock the whole of our brainwashed and hypnotized populace back to sanity."

Oliver said there was "not a single indication" that the assassination was not planned and carried out by "the Communist conspiracy." He ridiculed the view, held by the FBI that Oswald was acting alone.

'TRAINING'

The Oliver article said that Oswald had been trained in "a school for international criminals" in Russia, had been brought back to the

United States "in open violation" of American law, had been arrested as a suspect when shots were fired at former Major General Edwin A. Walker, but had been released "through the personal intervention of Robert F. Kennedy."

Mr. Kennedy, the magazine said, won the presidential election by "peddling boob bait for the suckers." It said Mr. Kennedy supported "a fake 'invasion' of Cuba designed to strengthen the Communist regime there and collaborated with the Kremlin on a "phony embargo" on Cuba as a cover for transfer of Russian troops and weapons to the island.

Oliver also charged that Mr. Kennedy had planned to subvert and sabotage the Nation's defenses. "And if the international vermin succeed in completing their occupation of our country," he wrote, "Americans will remember Kennedy while they live, and will curse him as they face the firing squads or toil in a brutish degradation that leaves no hope for anything but a speedy death."