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URBANA, ILL., AUG. 13 (AP)-DR. REVILO P. OLIVER, PROFESSOR OF CLASSICS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AND ONE OF 11 FOUNDERS OF THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, ANNOUNCED HIS RESIGNATION TODAY FROM THE SOCIETY AND ITS GOVERNING COUNCIL.

DR. OLIVER GAINED MAJOR ATTENTION IN 1964 WHEN HE CHARGED THAT THE LATE PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY ARRANGED TO SUBVERT AND SABOTAGE THE U. S. DEFENSE AND THAT THE PRESIDENT'S MEMORY WOULD THEREFORE "BE CHERISHED WITH DISTASTE" AS LONG AS THERE ARE AMERICANS.

"I HAVE RESIGNED FROM THE COUNCIL OF THE JOHH BIRCH SOCIETY (AND FROM THE SOCIETY ITSELF) BECAUSE I CAN NO LONGER IN CONSCIENCE REMAIN A MEMBER," OLIVER SAID IN A FORMAL STATEMENT.

"I WAS ONE OF THE 11 MEN WHO MET WITH MR. ROBERT WELCH IN INDIANAPOLIS ON DEC. 9, 1958 WHEN THE SOCIETY WAS FORMED. THE MR. WELCH WHO FOUNDED THE SOCIETY WAS A MAN IN WHOM I HAD GREAT CONFIDENCE.

"SINCE THEN, HE ADDED, "CHANGES WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE INTERNALLY IN THE ORGANIZATION AND IN ITS MAIN POLICIES LEAVE ME NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO DISSOCIATE MYSELF FROM IT."

OLIVER REFUSED TO GIVE ANY SPECIFIC REASONS FOR RESIGNING.

OLIVER, 54, ALSO SAID HE WOULD NO LONGER CONTRIBUTE TO THE SOCIETY'S MAGAZINE, AMERICAN OPINION, OF WHICH HE WA AN ASSOCIATE EDITOR.

HE WAS WIDELY CRITICIZED FOR A TWO-PART SERIES HE WROTE PRIOR TO PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION.

HE WROTE THE PRESIDENT HAD DONE MUCH FOR "THE COMMUNIST CONSPIRACY," BUT THAT HE WAS BEHIND SCHEDULE IN A PLOT FOR THE "EFFECTIVE CAPTURE OF THE U. S." AND THAT HE WAS "RAPIDLY BECOMING A POLITICAL LIABILITY."

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