

Vastest Plot Afoot



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AS THE RESULT of a conspiracy so vast as to boggle the human mind, Congress this week strangled an attempt to kill its House Select Committee on Assassinations.

To gather an inkling as to who or what is behind this threat to our democratic institutions, we must go back to the committee's formation last September — a scant 13 years after the major assassination it was formed to investigate.

In their rush to judgment, Congress named Henry Gonzalez chairman of the committee. Richard Sprague was appointed its chief investigator.

What went almost unnoticed at the time were several curious "coincidences": (1) Gonzalez was from the very same state (Texas) as that in which the original assassination occurred; (2) Gonzalez spoke Spanish, a language familiar to Fidel Castro; (3) Sprague was, as of last October, a known Philadelphia lawyer.

The tragedy that followed was inevitable.

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FROM THE FIRST, Gonzalez was a marked man. On February 10, in a desperate effort to save himself, he tried to do away with Sprague. The pitiful attempt failed.

Then, in an incredible blunder, he rashly disclosed that he knew precisely who and what was behind the vast conspiracy. He met the fate of those who talk too much.

Gonzalez was replaced as chairman by Louis Stokes, who not only hailed from Ohio, which is about as far from both Texas and Cuba as you can get, but

who was believed totally incapable of conversing with anyone in Spanish. What else he had to recommend him will probably never be known.

A secondary, and far smaller conspiracy was promptly organized in Congress to kill the committee, itself. The attack, which seemed assured of success, was scheduled for last Wednesday. On Tuesday, George de Mohrenschildt was killed instead.

What went wrong? First, the victim was from Texas; second, he spoke Russian; third, he was killed in Florida, which is only 90 miles from Cuba's shores; and, most important, he had recently hinted he knew who and what were behind the vast conspiracy.

Suspicion again centered on Sprague. But within hours, Sprague was brutally axed by his own committee and thus proved an innocent man. As a consequence, the life of the committee was spared the very next day.

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SO WE SEE that the primary aim of this vast conspiracy was to prevent the assassination of the House Select Committee on Assassinations. Why? The only conceivable answer is the conspirators want the House Select Committee on Assassinations to continue mucking up all investigations into assassinations.

But precisely who or what is behind this huge and sinister plot? It is the clear duty of Congress to appoint a House Select Committee on Assassinations to investigate the House Select Committee on Assassinations and get to the bottom of all this.

Let us hope Congress can get around to it within the next 13 years.