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Conspiracy Cult

THE ASSASSINATION of a President presents an irresistible temptation for some of the imaginatively inclined to see a conspiracy on the part of the authorities to conceal "the truth."

Some still draw their own veil of mystery around John Wilkes Booth. Accordingly, the workings of the cops 'n' robbers cult has fashioned a similar veil around Lee Harvey Oswald.

Last week Bishop James A. Pike, unquestionably swayed by a spate of volumes critical of the Warren Commission, called for a reconvening of the commission.

The November issue of Ramparts Magazine joins the cry with a highly colored and irresponsible recital of the commission's silence on "key" testimony, the "violent or bizarre deaths" of 10 persons "closely connected" with the assassination of President Kennedy, and some dark force that prevents the survivors from testifying further.

The dead witnesses to whom Ramparts refers and the live ones to whom it talked are in most cases a curious lot. Many were on the outer fringes of the case and it takes some doing to attach historical significance to their roles. It takes even more doing to conjure up the substance of the dark force that frightens them into silence or monosyllables.

We hesitate to deny the satisfaction of speculation to those so inclined, but we do believe that the Warren Report, in 26 volumes, has pretty well answered the answerable questions in the tragic death of President Kennedy.