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Editorial

When Guns Are Outlawed, Only Outlaws Will Have Guns

Article II of the Constitution of the United States reads: "... the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed." Yet we find the Government of the United States insisting that all guns must be registered and all persons possessing a gun must have a license, even though that same Government continues to insist that all of the assassinations have been the work of lone "nuts."

Should the basic law of this land be changed because—as the Government claims—of a few lone nuts? If we are correct that the Government, itself, was involved in these assassinations, this may be the most critical time in our history for the citizens to be well armed. Yet, this is the time the Government has chosen to try to disarm the people, in spite of the constitution.

We would agree to an age limit of 18 for a person to purchase a gun. We would agree for the gun to be registered as it is required today. We would agree to a stoppage of the mail order sales of guns. But to permit the government to determine whether or not you can or cannot obtain a license to have a gun is outrageous.

The Extradition Battle

The legal aide to Governor Ronald Reagan finally decided last week to listen to E. E. Bradley's plea that he not be extradited to Louisiana to face Jim Garrison's charges that Bradley did conspire to kill President John F. Kennedy. L. A. Times Reporter Jerry Cohen made much copy from the fact that Bradley gave AFFADAVITS that he was not in Dallas on the day of the assassination. What did Cohen expect Bradley to do? Admit his guilt?

This editor has written to the Governors of Ohio, California and Texas in an effort to see just how many extraditions a Governor denies each year. We got no satisfactory answers from any of the Governors.

There is one slight hope that Reagan may not protect Bradley much longer. We hear that 600,000 persons have signed a recall petition against Reagan. 700,000 signatures are needed to have a recall election. If enough Californians shout loud enough, Reagan might decide to permit E. E. Bradley to make his statements from the witness stand in New Orleans.

The time is now to put pressure on Reagan. Write letters or send wires to Governor Ronald Reagan now urging the return of E. E. Bradley to New Orleans to stand trial.

Poor And Wage Earner Tax Bite

Since Midlothian citizens have had a two percent increase in the sales tax, (One percent state increase, and one percent city tax soon to be in effect.) and a federal ten percent increase on the withholding tax, we feel it is timely to refer to an important tax proposal made by Senator Robert Kennedy shortly before he was assassinated.

Senator Kennedy had proposed a law which would require the wealthy to pay income tax at the rate of at least twenty percent of their net income.

Instead of paying taxes weekly as the wage earner has to do, the wealthy hire tax attorneys to avoid their taxes. None of them pay in proportion to the wage earner. The Kennedy tax proposal should not be lost even though Senator Kennedy is dead.