

# JFK's death still mystery

By Dick Piersol

Omaha—The assassination of President John F. Kennedy occurred 12 years ago this Saturday, but some people still are looking into the events surrounding the assassination and the Warren report which has been used to explain it.

One of those organizations, the Assassination Information Bureau (AIB) of Cambridge, Mass., also is dedicated to collecting information on the murders of other political figures in this country, according to AIB member Carl Oglesby.

Oglesby, 1965-66 president of Students for a Democratic Society, AIB member Jeff Cohen and Doug Porter, member of the Fifth Estate, a Washington, D.C., based organization specializing in intelligence community research, presented a symposium called "Who Killed JFK," at the University of Nebraska at Omaha this week.

Another AIB member, Bob Katz, whose specialty is the JFK assassination, was scheduled to appear in the Omaha symposium, but was called by the speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representa-

tives to make his presentation there Wednesday, according to Oglesby.

### State investigation

He said the Massachusetts House is "seriously considering" conducting its own investigation of the JFK assassination.

In addition, Oglesby said, the AIB supports three current Congressional moves to reopen investigations into the JFK, Robert Kennedy and the Rev. Martin Luther King assassinations.

Representatives Henry Gonzalez, (D-Tex.), and Robert Downing, (D-Va.), have introduced resolutions with more than 100 co-sponsors to investigate the assassinations, Oglesby said.

In the Senate, a subcommittee led by Sen. Richard Schweicker (R-Pa.) and Sen. Philip Hart, (D-Mich.), of Sen. Frank Church's (D-Idaho) special committee on intelligence, is considering action on reinvestigation, Oglesby said.

### Americans doubtful

Those actions, and AIB's, he said, are in response to public opinion polls which show that 70-80 per cent of Americans

doubt the major conclusion of the Warren Commission report: that Lee Harvey Oswald was solely responsible for the death of John Kennedy and the wounding of then Texas Gov. John Connally.

Oglesby said that although the national news media supported the findings of the Warren Commission when they were released in 1964, some have reconsidered and are planning new coverage and review.

He said Time magazine is planning a cover story and CBS a four-hour special on developments in the JFK assassination and unanswered questions left by the Warren report.

Although AIB members have their own theories of who killed Kennedy, Oglesby said their aim is not to determine the true killer, but to show that the official explanation contained in the Warren report does not follow the evidence.

He said AIB is urging the government to reopen the investigation because private citizens, even if they wanted, do not have the investigative powers and resources to do it properly.



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A symposium at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, this week, probed the assassination of John F. Kennedy.

## Symposium points out Warren Commission flaws

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Omaha—If Oswald didn't do it—who did?

This question follows the Assassination Information Bureau (AIB) wherever it presents its symposium, "Who Killed JFK?" This week, 12 years after President John F. Kennedy's assassination, AIB presented its case at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO).

AIB member Carl Oglesby said, "It is not our obligation as citizens, with zero investigative capability, to decide. It is our duty, however, to point out the flaws in the official investigation and explanation."

Oglesby said major arguments against the Warren Commission report on the assassination lie in a careful analysis of Dallas dressmaker Abraham Zapruder's film of the assassination and the condition of what he called "the magic bullet."

That bullet, the Warren report says, passed through Kennedy, entered Texas Gov. Connally, broke two ribs, passed through his wrist breaking the radius and lodged in Connally's thigh. The bullet, a commission exhibit, shows no sign of damage. Oglesby called it "nearly pristine," except for a tiny piece the FBI took for spectriographic analysis.

### Three shots

Oglesby said the Warren report contends that only three shots were fired at the motorcade; that one struck 130 feet in front of the Presidential limousine, causing pieces of pavement to hit the crowd; that one passed through both Kennedy and Connally lodging in the governor's thigh, and that one struck Kennedy in the back of the head.

Showing what he called a "bootleg copy" of the Zapruder film, Oglesby said it is clear Kennedy is reacting to his first wound as the limousine emerges from be-

hind a sign. Almost two seconds later Connally reacts to his wounds and finally, a third shot strikes Kennedy's head.

Elapsed time from Kennedy's first reaction to his fatal head wound was about 5.7 seconds, according to Oglesby. He said FBI and U.S. Army marksmen were able to fire Oswald's gun three times in about five seconds, without taking time to aim.

Another feature of the Zapruder film that Oglesby said defies the Warren conclusions is the way Kennedy's body is visibly slammed back into the seat by the final shot. He said the Warren report explanation is that the driver accelerated rapidly at that moment, but Mrs. Kennedy and Mrs. Connally do not react accordingly.

Oglesby added that the rifle Oswald allegedly used had a defective sight, and the Warren report said that probably helped Oswald's chances of hitting the President, since he was an experienced, but not expert marksman.

### Ignored evidence

Oglesby said there is evidence the report ignored and features of the Warren report which do not follow the evidence.

He exhibited a photograph showing several people, including a policeman looking up and running toward the famous "grassy knoll." Dallas policeman Billy Hargis ran over the knoll and detained a man running through a parking lot, Oglesby said. The man produced what he said were Secret Service credentials and Hargis released him, according to Oglesby. No Secret Service agent was identified as that man, he said.

One photograph shows a man standing in the Texas School Book Depository, Oswald's place of employment and the building from which the Warren report says he fired. Oglesby said the man looks like both Oswald and a fellow employee, Billy

Lovelady.

He said the Warren report identified the man as Lovelady, but Lovelady said it is not him. Oglesby said the man's clothes match those Oswald wore that day.

### Letter destroyed

He said the FBI destroyed what might have been the most important piece of evidence it had: a letter Oswald wrote to the Dallas FBI office shortly before the assassination.

Oglesby said Oswald's address book contained the unlisted phone number of FBI agent James Hoste, an agent involved in destroying the letter. The Warren Commission knew of Oswald's possible contacts with the FBI but did not follow that lead, he said.

Oswald's relationship to a pro-Castro cause is another area the Warren commission failed to investigate fully, Oglesby said.

He explained that at one time Oswald was sole member of the New Orleans Fair Play for Cuba Committee and distributed leaflets bearing the address, 544 Camp St. He said when checked, that building contained a private detective's office and an office of the Cuban Revolutionary Council, a right-wing anti-Castro organization founded by E. Howard Hunt, convicted Watergate burglar and a CIA agent at the time.

### Mexico City appearance

The Warren report states that in October, 1963, Oswald made a scene at the Russian embassy in Mexico City, shouting his name and his desire to go to Cuba.

Oglesby said the Warren report also ignores evidence concerning Jack Ruby, the man who shot Oswald.

Ruby, he said, had known contacts with

Cuban exile gunrunners, had visited H.L. Hunt, a Texas oil millionaire and espouser of right wing causes, the day before JFK's assassination.

Ruby also had to beg Warren Commissioners to talk to him while he was in jail, he said. Transcripts of that conversation among Ruby, Supreme Court Chief Justice Warren, and then Rep. Gerald Ford, reveal that Ruby wanted to be taken to Washington where he could speak freely, Oglesby said. Warren replied that if Ruby had something he could not tell them in Dallas, not to tell them anything, according to Oglesby.

AIB member Jeff Cohen said new evidence was uncovered recently which renews the possibility that former New Orleans District Atty. Jim Garrison was on the right track when he prosecuted Clay Shaw, a New Orleans businessman, on charges of conspiracy in the JFK assassination.

Garrison, he said, was encouraged by Warren Commission members Senators Richard Russell and Russell Long.

He said that four days after the New Orleans States-Item published a story uncovering Garrison's investigation, one of the principals in the case, David Ferrie, died. Ferrie was a known CIA pilot trainer, and died with two suicide notes near him, although his death was attributed to natural causes, Cohen said.

Shaw was exonerated because federal authorities would not cooperate with Garrison, Cohen said. The jury believed that Garrison had discovered a conspiracy but did not believe Shaw had been proven part of it nor had Garrison proved Shaw a CIA agent, he said.

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