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A Smear-Johnson Book

LBJ Attacked by Right-Wing Texans; One Chapter Is in Congressional Record

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A WEALTHY TEXAS rancher with close ties to the American Nazi Party helped gather the material for the smear biography "A Texan Looks at Lyndon," which serves up all the mud and muck against President Johnson in one literary compost pile.

This has become the book-of-the-month for right-wing groups, which have passed out an estimated 3 million copies.

Some of the research was done by rancher Thornton Dewey. There is evidence that he contributed \$1000 to the American Nazi Party recently. He refuses to discuss that but says he has entertained party leader George Lincoln Rockwell on the Dewey ranch outside Canyon, Tex.

"I dug up information for the book," Dewey told this column, "but my late wife was the chief researcher." She died shortly after the book went to press.

They were neighbors of the author, J. Evetts Haley, who owns a ranch 6 miles up in the hills from the Dewey spread.

Dewey said he and Haley would chase down rumors for the book while Mrs. Dewey stayed at the ranch, sifting through the material they sent back.

Dewey said they had expected to sell no more than 20,000 copies, but "we did better than that the first week."

While Dewey was entertaining the Nazi leader, Haley brought former Maj. Gen. Edwin Walker to his ranch to urge him to run for Governor of Texas. Walker

left the Army after trying to indoctrinate his troops with John Birch Society literature and being reprimanded.

Dewey would not say whether he had introduced Rockwell to Haley.

Haley has been a crusader for right-wing causes and once was quoted as advocating the lynching of Chief Justice Earl Warren. Haley also founded a vigilante group called Texans for America to snoop out Red subversion in Texas textbooks.

California Rep. Bob Wilson, the GOP Congressional campaign chairman, is trying to line up Republicans to insert Haley's smear book in the Congressional Record, a chapter at a time. This will make the book an official document and permit Republicans to mail it around the country at taxpayers' expense.

Already, Illinois Rep. Robert Michel has inserted one chapter. The printing bill came to \$563.50. The cost of printing all 10 chapters will run around \$6000. Far more expensive, however, will be the massive mailing Wilson has in mind.

Khrushchev Bluffing?

DESPITE OFFICIAL skepticism, some intelligence experts fear Nikita Khrushchev's talk about possessing a doomsday weapon may have some truth.

It is known that Russia has plunged ahead with crash programs to develop new weapons. Though Khrushchev has ordered cutbacks in manpower, bombers, and missiles, he is merely getting rid of obsolete weapons and actually

has stepped up spending on weapons development.

Reports have been received that the Russians have tested new missiles and satellites superior to anything in the United States arsenal. Though the reliability of these reports has been challenged, some experts believe they should be taken seriously.

One general told this column that the reports were deliberately downgraded in order not to conflict with Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara's idea of United States superiority.

Defense officials are most worried about Russia's crash program to develop laser, a disintegration ray, which could be used to pulverize onrushing missiles. If Russia should ever succeed in surrounding itself with an invisible curtain of laser beams, our entire missile force would become obsolete overnight.