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FOUGHT OSWALD—Dr. Carlos Bringuier, (right), tells why he believes the assassin of President Kennedy was not a crackpot, but a cold and dedicated servant of Fidel Castro. The book before him is one Oswald offered when trying to infiltrate the anti-Castro forces training in New Orleans. With Dr. Bringuier is Free Press Reporter Conrad Jensen.

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Fact one:

It was the bearded one, Fidel Castro, who ordered the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Fact two:

Lee Harvey Oswald was a cold,

intelligent, dedicated spy for Castro, not an exchangable crackpot merely brooding over his experience with the Marine Corps.

These conclusions are those of Dr. Carlos Bringuier, the man who fought Oswald openly in New Orleans three months before Oswald successfully sniped down President Kennedy in Dallas.

Other facts which Dr. Bringuier insist are correct include a cold that Oswald had anything whatever to do with the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) or the good interests of the U.S. Government. "That story is one which the Communists are trying hard to sell the American people," Dr. Bringuier said. "Because, if they can do it, Oswald will seem like evidence that the United States is cor-

rupt enough that its own intelligence men could kill their president." In addition, if possible, the communists want to show that Oswald had killed Kennedy as an act and therefore was a martyr, and therefore that the assassin is still running loose under the protection

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of the CIA. Most of them don't want to be blamed—they cannot hope to gain new party members if America knows the truth as Dr. Bringuier sees it.

What are Dr. Bringuier's reasons for his statements?

He knew Oswald, fought with him by debate on a New Orleans radio station, opposed him in a municipal court, saw Oswald's pro-Castro literature thrown into the air, and had the chance to put his fist into Oswald's face but decided against it. Dr. Bringuier also had the distinction of being attacked by none other than Castro himself by way of Havana Radio, at a time when Castro was talking fast and hard to defend Oswald after Kennedy's death.

Oswald wanted to get into the underground movement against Castro, presumably as a spy.

"I was managing a store in New Orleans the day Oswald came in," Dr. Bringuier said. "He approached me, and before long was saying that he was against communism and Castro." Oswald said he had guerilla warfare training in the Marine Corps and was willing to fight Castro, and that he could teach others how to fight, even derail a train.

"I was suspicious, not only because this had never happened to me before—a direct offer to enlist in the anti-Castro forces—and I was especially suspicious because at that very moment we had a secret anti-Castro force of 22 Cubans in training just a short distance from New Orleans across Pontchartrain Lake," the doctor continued. One man in this force was already suspected of being a spy for Castro—Fernando Fernandez Barcena (he was later caught)—and Dr. Bringuier, as Cuban Student Directorate, didn't want to chance getting another.

Oswald insisted, but didn't get anywhere. His remarks at that time were remembered by two others who heard it—a pair of young Cubans listened, and were later to testify before the Warren Committee investigating Kennedy's death.

The following day Oswald left a book of his, the "Guide Book for Marines," in a last effort to convince Dr. Bringuier of his sincerity.

Oswald was found on Canal Street, parading up and down with a sign hung over his shoulders which read, "Viva Fidel," and as he walked he passed out yellow pamphlets singing the praises of the Fair Play for Cuba organization. "I did not know who I would find when we (he took two loyal Cubans with him) went out to have a look at this man. I'll have to admit I was not especially surprised when I saw Lee Harvey Oswald." Watching Oswald, Dr. Bringuier got madder by the minute.

He found himself accusing Oswald of being a traitor. A crowd gathered. Oswald kept passing out literature. "Soon there were about 100 persons standing there watching, and very quickly I began telling them what Oswald had done, how he tried to infiltrate into the anti-Castro forces, how he had lied to me."

One of the men with Dr. Bringuier, Celso Hernandez, grabbed Oswald's literature and threw it into the air. As the leaflets fluttered down, the crowd began expressing strong feelings, shouting that Oswald was a communist, a traitor. "Go to Cuba," they shouted. "Kill him!" and they called him names.

It was here that Dr. Bringuier realized for the first time that, far from being a crackpot, the future killer of President Kennedy was cold and calculated in all he did. Crossing his arms down the front of his body, Oswald put his face out and said to Dr. Bringuier, "Okay, Carlos, if you want to hit me, hit me." He waited, watching. Dr. Bringuier did not swing, "because I understood Oswald wanted nothing more than to look like a martyr, like a poor American attacked by refugees. This is the communist way and I wanted more not to help him than to hit him."

Police came then. An officer listened to what Dr. Bringuier had to say, but pointed out that Oswald had the right in America to practice free speech. Dr. Bringuier suggested taking them all to the police station, and that is what happened, four were taken, the angry crowd left behind.

At the police station, it was discovered:

the literature was in the same name he used to buy the Corcano bolt action rifle (from a Chicago mail order house) which later killed Kennedy, for which he paid \$12.78.

Two FBI men were there to ask questions with the police.

Oswald said he was chairman of the Fair Play for Cuba organization in New Orleans. His nerves remained calm in the face of questioning.

Oswald denied being a communist, said he would not fight for Castro, but said he was carrying on a demonstration because the U.S. was carrying out a wrong policy with Cuba.

When officers asked if there were others in the organization, Oswald replied there were, but refused to

name them in front of Dr. Bringuier. He was taken to another room.

Later, in Municipal Court, Oswald was fined \$10 for disturbance after the judge heard everyone speak.

The next time Dr. Bringuier crossed with Oswald, it was through a man sent to feel Oswald out at a meeting of the Fair Play for Cuba organization. This man, who Dr. Bringuier refuses to name because

he still has family living in Cuba, heard Oswald speaking to his young daughter in Russian. He asked Oswald where he learned it, and Oswald replied that he was attending Tulane University language school. But, Dr. Bringuier later learned Oswald had never enrolled there. Investigation showed further that Oswald had in fact lived in Russia, had married a Russian girl, and returned to the United States.

After the assassination, a diary of Oswald's was to reveal that he had been receiving pay from the MVD, Russia's secret police, in the amount of 700 rubles a month while he lived in an apartment paying 60 rubles a month rent.

The two men, Dr. Bringuier and Oswald, met for the last time on Aug. 21 when they entered public debate on Radio Station WDSU in New Orleans. It was on this program that Oswald first admitted anything as to his political ties, saying, "Yes, I am a Marxist."

Dr. Bringuier asked Oswald whether he agreed with Castro that Kennedy was a "ruffian" and a "thief." Oswald replied that he did not agree with that particular wording, but proceeded with a description showing the Kennedy Administration to be the cause of trouble with Cuba.

Much later, after the death of his brother, Attorney General Robert Kennedy was to publicly state that Oswald was both a communist and an assassin.

Had Oswald ever been in Cuba? Castro himself all but said so.

Castro, in a speech five days after assassination, made a slip and said, "... the first time that Oswald was in Cuba"—then he caught himself and switched to something else.

Castro had denied that Oswald had anything to do with the Fair Play for Cuba organization, "another reason why we know Castro and the communists are trying to disclaim Oswald in spite of the truth which became known in New Orleans."

"Castro," Dr. Bringuier said "was losing the battle in Latin America to President Kennedy, and Castro knew it. This is why Kennedy could not be allowed to continue."

These are the reasons why Dr. Bringuier is convinced that Fidel Castro ordered the assassination of John F. Kennedy, and why Lee Oswald was not the innocent man Castro hopes to make him seem.

Dr. Bringuier has been making morning speaking appearances at the Christian Crusade Anti-Communist Youth University. Later this month he will speak in Greeley, Fort Collins and Cheyenne.