

he looked just the same ~~xx~~ in the newspaper photographs I saw in the morning. But I disagree with the captions which say, "glaring at photographers defiantly..."

Oswald was not glaring angrily. I have a feeling that in a way he was enjoying every minute of it. There was that same tight-lipped secretive ~~smile~~ smirk he wore when he related his self-imposed mission to me that snowy day in Moscow so far from Texas.

That same little smile was on his face when he walked out of his cell for the last time to face reporters and photographers, but the smile changed to the grimace of pain and death.

If he was guilty, why did he not confess in jail? In my opinion he did not confess probably because he felt nobody would understand him. Nobody ever had.

For 24 hours---from the time somebody^{up} raised a rifle from the 5th floor window of a warehouse where Oswald worked and aimed it at the passing figure of one of the world's most popular leaders, until his own death at the hands of an enraged strip tease club owner---Lee Harvey Oswald at last found the place in the sun he had been seeking.

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Airman Second Class PALMER E. McBRIDE was interviewed at Air Police Headquarters, Patrick Air Force Base, Florida, and furnished the following signed statement:

"Patrick Air Force Base,
Florida
November 23, 1963

"I, PALMER E. McBRIDE hereby furnish the following free and voluntary statement to JOHN R. PALMER who I know to be a Special Agent of the FBI. I have been advised that this statement can be used in a court of law. No threats or promises have been made to me.

"I was born on November 29, 1937, at New Orleans, Louisiana. I enlisted in the United States Air Force on November 25, 1960, and since June 15, 1961, I have been assigned to Patrick Air Force Base, Florida. I am presently an Airman Second Class assigned to the 6550th Maintenance Group with Air Force Serial Number AF 25589222.

"In about June, 1955, I went to work as a dental messenger for the Pfisterer Dental Laboratory Company in the 200 block of Dauphine Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. In about December, 1957, a young man named LEE OSWALD was employed in the same capacity. Because we both enjoyed classical music I invited him to my home at 1416 Baronne Street, New Orleans, and he did visit my home perhaps two or three times. I was living with my parents at that time, and during his visits we would listen to records in my room.

"During his first visit to my home in late 1957 or early 1958 the discussion turned to politics and to the possibility of war. At this time I made a statement to the effect that President DWIGHT EISENHOWER was doing a pretty good job for a man of his age and background, but that I did feel

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more emphasis should be placed on the space program in view of Russian successes. OSWALD was very anti-Eisenhower, and stated that President EISENHOWER was exploiting the working people. He then made a statement to the effect that he would like to kill President EISENHOWER because he was exploiting the working class. This statement was not made in jest, and OSWALD was in a serious frame of mind when this statement was made.

"LEE OSWALD was very serious about the virtues of Communism, and discussed these virtues at every opportunity. He would say that the capitalists were exploiting the working class and his central theme seemed to be that the workers in the world would one day rise up and throw off their chains. He praised KENNEDY's sincerity in improving the lot of the worker.

"In early 1958 I took OSWALD with me to a meeting of the New Orleans Amateur Astronomy Association at the home of WALTER GEBERKE, 208 Hector Ave., Metairie, Louisiana. This meeting was presided over by the Association president, WILLIAM EUGENE WULF, JR., 2107 Annunciation Street, New Orleans. At this meeting I recall that Mr. WULF told OSWALD that if he liked Russia so damn much why didn't he go over there. I do not know what OSWALD had said to bring forth this remark from WULF.

"On one occasion I took OSWALD to the WULF residence. OSWALD and Mr. WILLIAM EUGENE WULF, SR., a naturalized citizen of German origin, argued because OSWALD was telling him of the glories of the Worker's State and saying that the United States Government was not telling the truth about Soviet Russia.

"In another conversation OSWALD stated to me he was not a member of the Communist Party but he suggested that both of us should join to take

advantage of their social functions. I did not join the Communist Party, but I do not know whether he did or not.

"During the period I knew OSWALD he resided with his mother in the Senator Hotel or a rooming house next door to the Senator Hotel in the 200 block of Dauphin Street, New Orleans. I went with him to his room on one occasion, and he showed me copies of 'Das Capital' and the 'Communist Manifesto'. OSWALD stated he had received these books from the public library, and seemed quite proud to have them.

"In April or May, 1958, OSWALD stated he was moving to Ft. Worth, Texas, with his mother. In about August, 1958, I received a letter from him saying he was employed as a shoe salesman in Ft. Worth. In this letter he also stated he had gotten mixed up in an anti-Negro or anti-Communist riot on a high school grounds in Ft. Worth, Texas. OSWALD did not elaborate on this statement.

"I did not answer this letter, and I have not had further contact or communication with OSWALD.

"On the evening of November 22, 1963, I heard a radio commentator state that LEE OSWALD had been arrested as a suspect in the assassination of President J. F. KENNEDY. Upon hearing the name I recalled my association with a LEE OSWALD in New Orleans, and upon seeing a full face photograph of LEE HARVEY OSWALD in the November 23, 1963, issue of 'The Miami Herald' newspaper I am now quite certain that they are one and the same individual. I particularly recall the large ears, the mustache, and the receding hairline.

"I also recall that OSWALD made statements favoring Russia and Communism to other employees at the Pfisterer Dental Laboratory Company. I do not recall specific statements but his central theme always concerned the workers throwing off their chains.

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"I have read and initialled each page and all corrections on this six page statement. I declare that it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

"/S/ PALMER EDWIN McBRIDE

"Witness:

"/S/ WILLIAM J. SIMS, S/A, OSI, 23 Nov 63

"/S/ JOHN R. PALMER, Special Agent, FBI
Cocoa, Florida, November 23, 1963."

Airman McBRIDE said he made no report of OSWALD's statement concerning President EISENHOWER to any law enforcement agency. McBRIDE now assumes that at the time he felt the statement was made by OSWALD to emphasize his anti-EISENHOWER feelings and not made in the nature of an actual threat on the life of the President.

McBRIDE stated that Mr. LAWRENCE WILLIAMSON, Bookkeeper, and Miss AMELDA (Last Name Unknown), Secretary at Pfister Dental Laboratory Company, would probably recall remarks made by OSWALD favoring Russia and Communism. Other company officials or employees named LEVEQUE, CAGLE, BISCHOFF and KLIEN would probably recall his remarks. He also stated that he was not acquainted with OSWALD's close associates and never attended any type of meeting with him except the one meeting of the Astronomy Association.

Mr. JOHN G. MARTIN, 5312 Memphis Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, and principal of Beaugard Junior High School, 4621 Canal Street, New Orleans, advised that his records are negative for a student by the name of ARTHOR, ARTHUR, or ARTHUR ABEAR, as ever attending Beaugard Junior High School.

When advised that LEE HARVEY OSWALD had submitted this name to Warren Easton High School as being a friend or associate, MARTIN stated that he was of the opinion that OSWALD was mistaken in the spelling and that the pronunciation of HEBERT in the New Orleans area is "ABEAR".

He further advised that his records show that an ARTHUR ALBERT HEBERT attended Beaugard Junior High School from 1952 through 1955. He stated that HEBERT was in the eighth and ninth grades with LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

He also stated that his records show that the only course HEBERT and OSWALD had together was ninth grade art with Miss JULIA SNIDER who has left teaching and is residing somewhere in New Orleans.

He further advised that his records do not show what high school HEBERT attended subsequent to Beaugard Junior High School, but advised that this information could be obtained from the Department of Census and Child Accounting, Orleans Parish School Board, 703 Carondelet Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

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