

Watergate Washover

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Martha told Thomas she had been assaulted by guards assigned to her by the re-election committee. "(They) threw me down on the bed — five men did it — and stuck a needle in my behind."

Ms. Mitchell may be able to provide further information in a book she has promised to write about the Watergate affair and her part in it.

But to Mae Brussel, the verdict is already clear.

"The manner in which Martha was handled simply indicates how the fascist police agents are forced to treat any witness to their espionage acts.



Parts of that invisible government were visible to Martha Mitchell and she panicked. Martha has to be a political prisoner because she was a witness to some kind of dirty work.

"A high summit meeting was held between John Mitchell and President Nixon. Both came out of it agreeing on two things: Wives of politicians sometimes have a difficult time entertaining themselves; and Martha only had "one guard" from the committee to re-elect Richard Nixon."

There has only been isolated mention of the roles the members of the Watergate raiding team intended to play at the Republican party convention in Miami.

For preliminaries, McCord Associates — director James McCord — was contracted "to provide all security for the

Republican convention." The Republican party was the first and only client of McCord Associates, which may explain why McCord was assigned his own radio frequency on May 7 this year.

McCord Associates was not licensed to perform security services, as required by law. The firm's charter mentions nothing concerning security work. And McCord Associates was not legally incorporated until November 19 last year — several weeks after the contract had been signed with the Republican national committee.

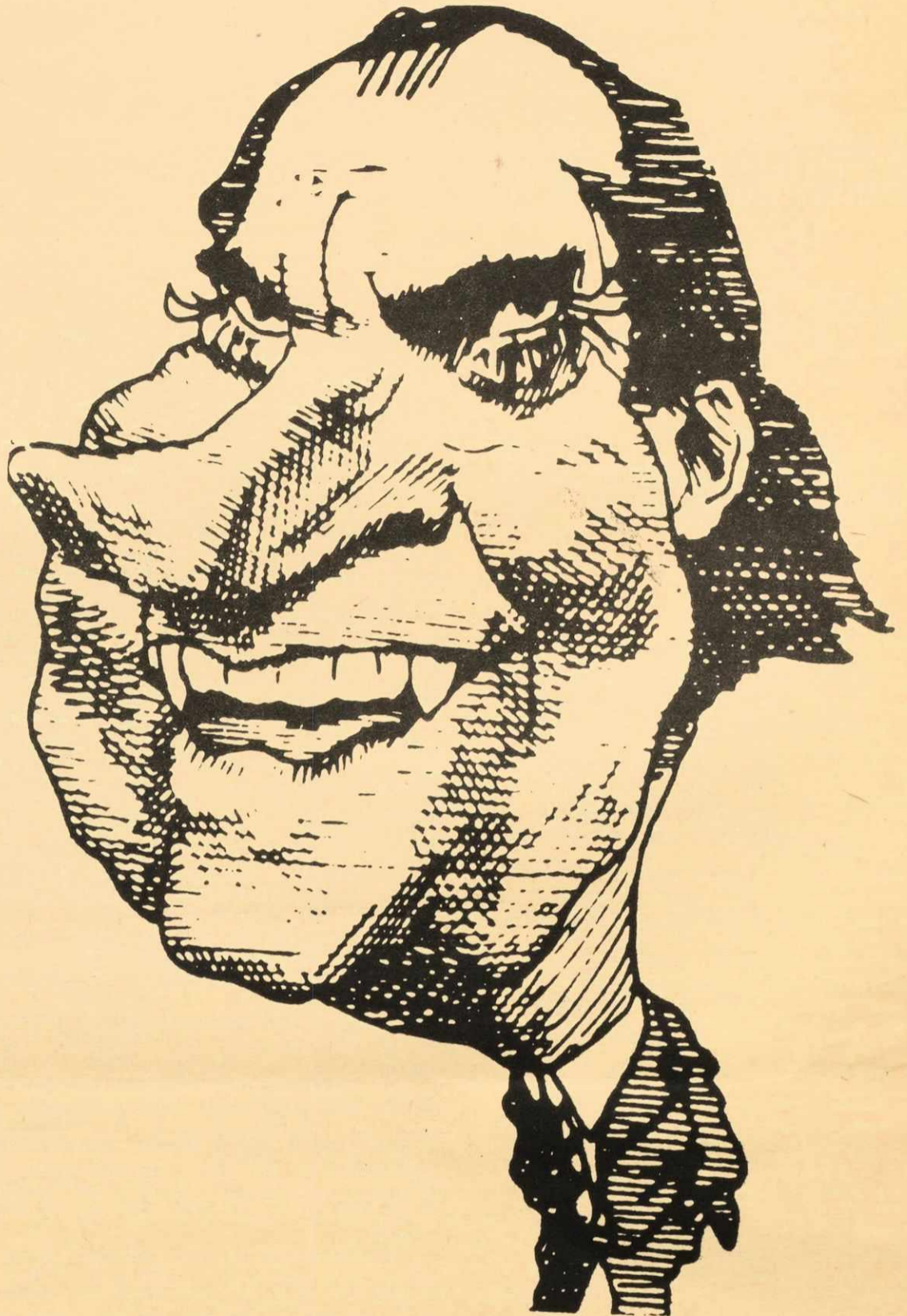
At the same time as McCord was guarding the convention hall in Miami, other members of the Watergate team planned to be out in the streets demonstrating.

Bernard Barker told Miami friends that "something is going to happen at the time of the conventions". As yet, no account has come forward as to what Barker did with \$114,000, except that a bugging device cost \$3,500, the raiders were found with \$5,300, and Liddy paid McCord \$1,600.

Barker could have had up to \$100,000 in crisp \$100 notes with which he could produce his "something... to happen". Barker, Sturgis, Martinez and Gonzales have all been identified in association with the planning of right-wing demonstrations in Miami.

(Sturgis called two private Catholic colleges for "lodging in August for Young Republicans". Martinez was also planning to import some 3000 similar individuals, probably members of YAF or similar organizations.)

As Mae Brussel observes: "Arrested with James McCord were political extremists, violently anti-communist intelligence agents. They were all planning convention demonstrations. Each of these men would make McCord's job more difficult in Miami unless they were working as a team for another purpose.



CONSPIRACY?

There was no state of emergency declared at the Republican convention in August; no attempt was made to overthrow the American government.

And at the present time, there is no evident reason why any right wing group should want to seize power before an

election which is almost certain to return Richard Nixon to the presidency.

There is no positive proof of involvement in a conspiracy by the president, the Republican party, the White House, the CIA or the FBI. However, government agencies have protected those involved in the Watergate affair.

The Justice department did not issue any search warrants for the homes of the seven persons involved, nor did it obtain a court order preventing the CRP from destroying some of its records which could have been potential evidence.

The seven men who raided the Watergate did plan to stage demonstrations in Miami, but no reason has been given as to their cause.

Their aim could have been simply to force the Nixon administration to introduce stronger action against militant radicals, or they may have had similar ideas to the "high-ranking police officers" described by Tackwood who wanted a "final solution to all militant problems in America".

Finally, this writer is unable to confirm or deny the existence of a conspiracy to overthrow the present system of government in the United States. But the material available suggests such a conspiracy, supported by the radical right wing, and this, I believe, is sufficient cause for alarm throughout the world.

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