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...bers of Congress, representing as they do all citizens of our great land, to use our collective influence to halt the dangerous and self-defeating foreign policy course now being charted.

COVER-UP ON OSWALD?

(Mr. ASHBROOK (at the request of Mr. MOSSER) was granted permission to extend his remarks at this point in the Record and to include extraneous matter.)

Mr. ASHBROOK. Mr. Speaker, I am more than ever convinced that any investigation of the assassination of John F. Kennedy must center upon the State Department's role in bringing defector Lee Harvey Oswald back to the United States. I have introduced House Joint Resolution 812 for this purpose.

Why was Oswald in Minsk? Was it because there is a Soviet espionage school there? He and his wife, apparently the daughter of a Red army intelligence school, happen to be in Minsk? What was the girl in the Embassy in Moscow who interrogated Oswald for hours, really here to say about this?

In introducing this report of suppression of news from the Washington Post of Sunday, December 1, I must warn about our being diverted by false issues and attempts to cover up the facts. The

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public does not want a whitewash or aphony witch hunt. The Washington Post article follows:

EMBASSY IN MINSK ON OSWALD

TOWNO, November 26.—The American consul who handling the case of Lee Oswald was the accused Presidential assassin tried to renounce his U.S. citizenship in Moscow in 1958, says he has been ordered by the State Department not to discuss the case.

Richard Snyder, now First Secretary in the U.S. Embassy here, said the order was based on the fact that Oswald's case was now under judicial investigation and, therefore, it would not be appropriate to say anything.

Snyder did indicate, however, that Oswald never formally renounced his U.S. citizenship.

Oswald is reported to have complained to American correspondents in the fall of 1959 in Moscow, where he was living at the time, that Snyder had tried to talk him out of renouncing his American citizenship.

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(Mr. ASHBROOK'S remarks will appear hereafter in the Appendix.)

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(Mr. WILSON of Indiana (at the request of Mr. MOSSER) was granted permission to extend his remarks at this point in the Record and to include extraneous matter.)

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EXTENSION OF REMARKS

OF

HON. JOHN M. ASHBROOK

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 4, 1963

Mr. ASHBROOK. Mr. Speaker, while most of the country experienced shock and grief over the assassination of President Kennedy, one New York local union seems more concerned at the prospects of recouping for the pay they will lose as a result of Broadway theaters closing on November 22 and 25. Maybe with the experience of this unprecedented black day in history under their belts, the Theatrical Protective Union, Local 1, can make a provision in future contracts to assure their pay in case of a A-bomb attack, assassination of the President or any similar contingency.

The following article appeared on page 56 of the New York Times of December 4. It makes rather disgusting reading, to put it mildly.

The article follows:

BROADWAY PACER NEW PAY DISPUTE—DEBATES WAGES FOR WORKERS IDLED BY KENNEDY DEATH

(By Sam Zolotow)

Theatrical Protective Union, Local 1, known as the stagehands' union, is trying to solve a problem—whether department heads (electricians, carpenters, and property-men) should be paid for the two performances that were canceled in the Broadway theaters November 22 and 23 because of the murder of President Kennedy.

If department heads are paid, other theatrical unions will insist on payment. They include actors, musicians, treasurers, press agents, company and house managers, porters, cleaners, ushers, ticket takers, and engineers.

Replying to the criticism leveled by the trade at local, Frank DeVerna, president of the union, said yesterday:

"Our only position is that we do not have a legal right to waive or surrender as union officers, wages due or owing to our members under a collective bargaining agreement with the League of New York Theaters, representing producers, theater owners, and operators."

Mr. DeVerna expects to meet soon with league representatives and the Shuberts, who control 17 of Broadway's 31 playhouses. He added that full salaries were paid by the film houses that were dark from 5 p.m., on November 22 and all day on November 23.

A special meeting of the league's board of governors has been called for 11 a.m. today at 127 West 45th Street. One of the items on the agenda is the stagehands' situation.

Resentment against the stand taken by the stagehands' union was privately expressed by many producers. The only one who would comment publicly was Alfred de Liguere Jr., producer of "The Irregular Verb To Love," starring Claudette Colbert and Cyril Ritchard.

He said:

"I find that the behavior of the stagehands' union is the most shocking and disgusting in the history of organized labor in this country. I am really outraged by it."

Department heads are under contract and are paid on a weekly basis. Other backstage employees, who are members of the stagehands' union, do not receive a weekly salary. They are paid for each performance they work.

Producers and theater owners acknowledged there was no protective clause in the

agreement with local 1, whereby pay could be waived in the event of a national emergency or act of God. Booking contracts between theater owners and producers carry such a precautionary clause, absolving the theater from damages.

President's Health Is Good

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

OF

HON. JOHN J. McFALL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 4, 1963

Mr. McFALL. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to announce that the President's health is good. The article in the Evening Star, Dr. George W. Bunker Hunt, Jr., to Members of the House of Representatives, states that the President's health is good. The article in the Evening Star, Dr. George W. Bunker Hunt, Jr., to Members of the House of Representatives, states that the President's health is good.

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