

albeit critical, obstacle to the original goal of the Stevenson hearings: rechartering the Eximbank to significantly increase its export-financing ceiling. As a matter of fact, British financial interests recently intervened through inept or suspect American congressmen to secure another in a long list of "amendments" to the Eximbank bill, effectively mangling its purpose, and last week, killing it.

During the first week of October, Democratic Senator Ernest Hollings of South Carolina, with William Hathaway of Massachusetts, introduced an amendment which would exclude American textiles from the multi-lateral trade negotiations (GATT) — an open door for provocative tariff barriers. The amendment both implies sabotage of the General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs, and a veto of the Eximbank bill by President Carter. The amendment is so wholly outside the framework of the Eximbank charter, it at least temporarily kills it.

Why did Hollings do it? The British told him it would be a fine idea. During the floor debate, Hollings reported that "chief representatives of the textile industry were in London and talked with Sydney Rothwell," who is commercial director of "the British Textile Employers Association" in Manchester, England. The Americans, continued the Senator, asked Rothwell if Hollings's amendment would wreck the GATT talks, as special trade negotiator Robert Strauss among others declared it would. Hollings triumphantly concluded: "Rothwell immediately replied 'No!'," and told them they could say he said so.

There was not a murmur from the proud, powerful United States Senate, which proceeded to undercut the best available vehicle for an export-led American industrial boom. By now, all of London must be laughing.

—Maureen Manning

Drugs and political murder— the Soviets launch a probe

In the last week of August, U.S. Labor Party Chairman Lyndon LaRouche, an *Executive Intelligence Review* contributing editor, indicted British crown drug-running networks centered in Hong Kong and Asia's "Golden Triangle" for the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. LaRouche specified as the salient fact the connections between these Peking-linked British drug networks and British-Canadian creation and control of the American "Mafia."

In the last week of September, Soviet journalist J. Semyonov, writing in the Soviet youth organization's magazine, *Ogonyok*, began a four-part series titled "Capriccio Siciliano." The murder of President Kennedy, Semyonov concluded, was a conspiracy carried out by the Peking secret services in coordination with the U.S.-based drug-running "Mafia."

There was no direct relationship between these two investigations of the JFK murder; the two investigators did not even examine the same realms of evidence. For such reasons, their conclusions do not agree in every detail. Yet they arrived at the same basic conclusion, for one reason: their investigations used an essentially identical method.

That is the enormous value — apart from the actually explosive

revelations — contained in the Semyonov series. For that reason, the *Executive Intelligence Review* will run an exclusive English translation of this four-part Soviet exposé, whose last installments point to the use of the same JFK-murder networks in the death of Italian industrialist Enrico Mattei and others.

What method? Semyonov explains: A conspiracy to murder a figure like the American President can only be investigated by first answering the question: "Cui Bono?" (to whose benefit?). And again: "Who would have done it this way, and not that way?" Et cetera.

"For whom was it useful to prepare Oswald for the role of Kennedy's assassin?" he asks. "To the ultraright undoubtedly. The hawks could not forgive Kennedy his attempts to begin the dialogue with the Soviet Union...But also, the ultraleft could not forgive him this. Was the assassination...not a means to sow the seeds of hatred against the Russians forever in the American people, if the assassination was 'linked' to Moscow?"

"And who in the United States can kill *on order*? The Mafia.

"And what brings the Mafia its maximal income? Narcotics.

"And who supplies the Mafia with narcotics...?"