ASSASSINATION OF THE ARCHDUKE
THE FIRST SHOTS OF WORLD WAR ONE

A Presentation on the misinformation, myths, and misunderstandings of the event that triggered the First World War. Given at the Kenilworth Veterans Center at a meeting of the New Jersey Arms Collector's Club on June 19th. (June 28th 2014 will be the centennial of this event). Given by Stanley Gurski, collector and teacher of history.

1. What weapon was used and where is it today?
2. Why was the assassin not executed, but some co conspirators were?
3. Who supplied the weapon and why was it traceable?
4. Why was the actual pistol misidentified for so long? Where has it been?
5. Was the Archduke riding a jinxed "death car"? Where is it today?
6. Was there a hidden future forecast in the car's license plate?
7. Why the heir to the Austrian Throne was an Archduke and not a Prince?
8. Why did the Archduke's wife insisted on being with him on that particular day?
9. Why do history books keep printing a picture with the false caption that it is the assassin being captured right after the event?
10. The myth about Princip's sandwich.
11. What role did the Serbian secret service play in the assassination?
12. Why did the Serbians eventually execute their own people who plotted the assassination?
13. How could some of the convicted assassination team live to the 1990's?
14. Why were Austrian officials not really upset that the Archduke and particularly his wife were killed?
15. Where is Princip considered a hero for doing the assassination?
16. What historical event was celebrated on June 28th and should have been reason for the archduke to cancel his trip?
17. Why were Austrian authorities able to so quickly investigate this case?
18. Was the Serbian government engaging in state sponsored terrorism?
19. Did the Archduke's protective vest fail to stop a low powered round?
20. Where the nations of Europe looking for an excuse to go to war?

Answers to these and other questions at the presentation.

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