

ALL OF WASHINGTON NOT CORRUPT SAYS LANE

Collegian Interviews Lane

By Elliot Grossman

COLLEGIAN: Do you support the House Committee's investigation to reinvestigate the Kennedy assassination?

Lane: Yes. I'm the Director of Citizens Committee of Inquiry, a group which we formed two years ago in Washington just for the purpose of having the Congress establish a House committee to reinvestigate the facts surrounding the assassination of President Kennedy and I've worked for that for a couple of years and when that happened on September 17 of last year I recommended to the members of the committee that Richard Sprague be appointed as general counsel. I think his record in seventeen years in the District's Attorney's office in Philadelphia is outstanding but above all his investigation of the Yablonski murder case which led to the conviction of those involved was probably the classic investigation of a conspiracy to commit murder in the recent history of this country and I think there is no person better qualified. He and his committee has already uncovered extremely important evidence but I think there is a very serious question whether or not the Congress will allow this committee to function when Congress convenes in January of this year.

The committee had to be reestablished or it would die and Congress has not yet reestablished the committee and the reason for this is because of the persistent counterattack upon the committee by the C.I.A. and the F.B.I. according to Jack Anderson's column yesterday. They have circulated false and derogatory information about Sprague and members of the committee because initially they made an effort to control the work of the committee and when Sprague was not going to allow the C.I.A. and the F.B.I., two of the suspect organizations, serving in regard to the destruction of evidence and perjury of the Warren Commission and in this information it is clear that

Sprague was not going to allow those organizations to run the investigation for him, then those organizations turned on him and his committee. So there is a very serious question as to whether the investigation will go forth.

I think that it is essential for the well-being of this country that the investigation go forth and I urge everyone to send letters and telegrams to their representatives in Congress and especially to Thomas P. O'Neill who is the Speaker of the House of Representatives, who essentially will be making this decision in the next few days.

COLLEGIAN: When the House looks into a committee they do a pretty thorough investigation. Why would the House members allow the false allegations by the CIA and the FBI to have any influence upon them?

Lane: Because many of the members of Congress are vulnerable to those spy agencies. For example we now know that approximately 150 members of Congress accepted funds from the Korean C.I.A. and in most cases that was illegal and was not reported.

The host of the Korean C.I.A. in the U.S. is the American C.I.A. For years the C.I.A. has known who in Congress could be exposed and who could be prosecuted. Very likely at least removed from office or not reelected. And therefore the C.I.A. with that kind of power goes to a member of Congress and says we don't want you to vote for the Select Committee on Assassination, you can say it is too expensive or whatever.

That means a lot to the members of Congress. We have seen the power of the C.I.A. just a few days ago when President Carter chose Ted Sorenson to be Director of the C.I.A. and the C.I.A. said, "no." In essence they said, "no we don't want him, we don't want anyone to meet the commitments that Carter made dur-

ing his campaign to reform the C.I.A. to stop illegal, covert operations by the C.I.A."

COLLEGIAN: If the House does approve the bill to allow the Select Committee to function, what do you expect will result?

Lane: I think that we are going to find out in the next year or so who killed John F. Kennedy and why he was killed. Who killed Martin Luther King and why he was killed. And why the F.B.I. and C.I.A. destroyed evidence, committed perjury before the Warren Commission, and made a deliberate effort to mislead the Warren Commission. And why those agencies have hidden the facts about those two murders from the American people.

COLLEGIAN: What impact do you think that finding out who killed Kennedy will have on the nation?

Lane: I think that it might help to restore democracy to the country. I think that will be a very good thing. Democracy controlled by the people, of the government through its elected representatives,

COLLEGIAN: You said that you highly admire Richard Sprague. Why do you think that his committee will do any better of a job than the Warren Commission which had notable ones on it such as Chief Justice Warren and Gerald R. Ford?

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are too dangerous to wait until the weather breaks to rebuild them. She suggested that some type of adhesive material be placed on the steps as soon as possible.

It was reported at the January 18 S.G.A. meeting that David said he would look into the matter concerning the adhesive material on the steps and take action.