

Looking Out

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Mark Lane was my guest last Sunday evening for five hours on the radio program. He indicated that there is no longer any doubt in his mind that the Central Intelligence Agency murdered President Kennedy.

He also said that he does not believe that the Clay Shaw case will ever come to trial. The date for the New Orleans trial is now scheduled for June 6th, but Lane feels that one of four things will occur which will prevent the American people from knowing who murdered their President.

"First, the trial would not come to pass if the matter is turned over to a Federal Court."

As for the other three possibilities, Mark said:

"Something might happen to Clay Shaw. Something might happen to Jim Garrison or the federal government might figure out a way of having Garrison removed from office. They will probably try income tax evasion," Lane says that if any of these four things occur, we will never know who killed Kennedy.

According to Mr. Lane, at the time that Lee Harvey Oswald was shot to death in the basement of the Dallas Police Dept. building, he was an informant for the F.B.I. Oswald attended meetings with C.I.A. personnel while those people planned the assassination. He relayed the information back to the F.B.I. who did, in fact, notify the Dallas authorities by TELEX about the plan to permanently silence the President.

Lane thinks that Garrison will probably attempt to subpoena J. Edgar Hoover.

He talked about his first meeting with Dorothy Kilgallen in N. Y. She was 'seriously committed to the case' and felt that the 'govern-

ment was seriously committed to preventing the truth from being known.' It was Dorothy Kilgallen by the way, who was able to secure the transcript of Jack Ruby's testimony before the Warren Commission while it was a classified secret document; and that her own newspaper had at first declined to take advantage of what was obviously a world-wide exclusive.

During the first meeting between Lane and Kilgallen, she said that she believed that her telephone was being tapped and that future calls by both parties should originate from public telephones and that false names be used: Miss Parker and Mr. Robinson.

Dorothy Kilgallen, who participated for many years on a panel T.V. game show moderated by John Daly, now director of the Voice of America as well as being Earl Warren's son-in-law, is one of the people who Penn Jones considers to be among the 'mysteriously missing' members of the Kennedy Assassination Conspiracy puzzle.

I met Mark Lane up at Stan Berman's pad last week. Berman invited a small group of interested people over to see Lane's suppressed movie: Rush To Judgment. The film is unquestionably one of the most important historical documents of our time, and I can't understand why one of our super-underground, local theaters haven't offered Mark a two or three week screening. Perhaps it's because Andy Warhol is more campy than Lane and the turned-on underground would rather watch Nico smoke a joint than observe the death of the entire American concept of justice unravelling before their eyes.

The former New York attorney and candidate for the New York Assembly (endorsed by President Kennedy) spent the week meeting with the various local critics of the Warren Commission, signing copies of his new book (A Citizen's Dissent/Holt-Rinehart-Winston) at the Kazoos, taping a Les Crane Show and speaking at the Lindy Opera House.

During the time we were toge-

ther, I noticed that he makes no effort at providing any security for himself. He does not carry a gun and the only people who follow him around work for the other side.

"The F.B.I. are my most loyal followers," he jokes. On the radio program someone asked how much bread he was paid by Mrs. Marguerite Oswald to clear her son's name before the Commission.

"I was never paid anything. As a matter of fact, I once called Mrs. Oswald and asked her to come to New York. She said she couldn't do that because she didn't even have a dress she could wear."

Lane mailed her \$50. for a new dress.

There are currently over 14,000 people employed by the C.I.A. The salaries reportedly run as high as \$80,000 a year. The budget is classified, but it is believed that 70% of the bread is spent in this country. They have become the invisible government. They can issue 'executive orders' and have Presidents, Civil Rights Leaders or political revolution-

aries assassinated. They can follow you around or tap your phone or prevent you from getting a job. They can see to it that movies will not be seen in local theatres, that radio and T.V. exposure is denied, that equal time to defend yourself against libelous statements on network T.V. is denied, that any legitimate request at attempting to find out who killed Kennedy is denied, and perhaps worst of all, if you really get in their way...they'll kill you.

Mark Lane is not afraid. He seldom has time to contemplate personal fear or future ambitions. Along with the New Orleans District Attorney, Mort Sahl and a skeleton staff operating on an incredibly small budget, Lane now knows who did it and how it was done. But he doesn't believe that he nor Garrison will ever be allowed to present any of the information in court.

He believes that letters to congressmen and senators are still a very effective form of indicating concern. In addition, Lane wants to see the subject of the assassination become a major issue in this year's Presidential campaign. "You should attempt to bring it up at every rally where a potential candidate is speaking."

Although Lane is very concerned about white racism in America and all the other ills of our society, he believes that an immediate investigation into the assassination of the late President is the one domestic issue that deserves top priority. He is not alone in that belief.