

From the Publisher's Viewpoint

Journalist Truby Still Convinced Truth of JFK Death Not Being Told

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In the many years I have been acquainted and associated with J. David Truby of Indiana, we have spent countless hours together discussing in depth the myriad of problems affecting the nation, state, and our own communities. Most of the discussions have related to print media journalism.

In a way our association is a bit strange. I have spent a lifetime career in the field of hometown or grassroots newspapers, while Truby's career has been centered around journalism education at the college or university level.

We have found, however, that despite the wide gap separating our careers, we have much in common. Both of us are interested in journalism's basic function . . . to inform people. Providing this information is the result of reporting, writing news stories and, when necessary, interpreting our findings.

Truby and Andrews first became acquainted when he was serving as public relations director at nearby Clarion State College following his graduation with a Journalism degree from Pennsylvania State University. Dave's career in the intervening years has taken many twists and turns until today he serves as a journalism instructor on the faculty of Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Despite his present university status as an instructor, friend Truby continues to do extensive free-lance journalism work. With his devotion to research, he rates as a top reporter—one of the very best, in my opinion. He also has the ability to put the results of his research and reporting into writing. I regard him as a top newswoman. In addition, making use of a recently coined description, he's a top "investigative reporter and writer."

One of Truby's most important and significant journalism projects, extending over a period of years, has been the assassination in 1963 of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy. He was never satisfied that Lee Harvey Oswald was the slayer, and he takes issue with the official findings of the Warren Commission Report.

Through the years he has made a painstaking independent study of the tragedy in Dallas, and his conclusions are both shocking and frightening. Much of his study has entailed involved personal research, including photographs, documents, and actual interviews (many of them taped).

Dave has put all his findings together in the form of an intriguing and spellbinding public presentation. On at least two separate occasions during the past three years, members of the New Bethlehem Lions Club have seen and heard the presentation. He has made similar presentations to almost countless organizations in Western Pennsylvania during the past several years. In mid-March, he was the featured speaker at the monthly meeting of an area newspaper organization, Keystone West Publishers' Association, which includes this newspaper in its membership rolls.

The reaction from all groups has followed much the same pattern—belief in his documented theories that the late President's death was "a mission and that Lee Harvey Oswald was the 'patsy' in the operation. A few quotes from area newspapers are noteworthy:

The DuBois Courier-Express: "The seemingly incredible story told to newsmen here has never made it into headlines across the country because newsmen are afraid to print the truth . . . The journalism instructor has an almost spellbinding slide presentation to go with his revelations that have been stated openly by Truby before national wire services and even the Washington Post . . . He is willing to be challenged in court at any time over much of what he presents in his slide show."

The Pottsville Spirit: "J. David Truby did something unusual, he cast

doubts into the minds of a whole room full of newsmen . . . The continuation of the investigation should be a prime matter for Congress . . . If one man can raise all these questions and doubts, surely those closer to the incident can shed more light upon it."

News stories carried just last week in major newspapers are almost making a prophet out of our Indiana journalist friend. For the very first time, testimony is being presented before the Congressional investigative committee indicating that Lee Harvey Oswald was not alone in his marksmanship, that Jack Ruby was an integral part of the

plot, and that the FBI and CIA were more deeply involved than any official sources had ever previously disclosed. There also was evidence that key witnesses were "disappearing" regularly at an alarming rate.

According to Truby, the committee investigation is still wide of the mark in establishing what actually happened on that fateful November afternoon 14 years ago, but it is getting closer.

Why dig up old skeletons . . . why not let the case die and pass into national history before more severe damage is done? These questions continually are asked by millions of Americans.

In response, Truby is convinced that the assassination machinery still exists and that even today it is interwoven into the structure of government. He claims it functioned well and efficiently in the deaths of Martin Luther King and Robert Kennedy, and in the attempt at taking the life of George Wallace. He believes it continues to represent a threat to America.