Broadcaster Will Call In Key Assassination Figures Oswald Will Finally Get His 'Trial;' Dallas Radio



VETERAN DALLAS broadcaster Lou Staples (center) has announced plans for Oswald's 'trial.' With Staples are two other critics of the Warren report who have been probing JFK's assassination. They are Penn Jones Jr. (right), Texas newspaper publisher, and Robert Groden, New York photographer who says blown up photos of the assassination show riflemen on the grassy knoll above Dealey Plaza.

Lee Harvey Oswald is about to receive a "trial" for the murder of President John F. Kennedy a dozen years after the assassination.

The trial is being sponsored by KRLD, an American Broadcasting Co. affiliated radio station in Dallas, where the Kennedy death occurred.

Station officials are working with the highly-regarded legal department of Southern Methodist University in arranging a three-judge "court" to hear the trial.

Lou Steples, host of the radio station's "Tonight Show" which has been airing new evidence in the assassination investigation, told TATTLER nationally-known figures who were involved in the actual assassination investigation will be asked to participate.

DAVID BELIN, A counsel on the Warren Commission and director of the Rockefeller Commission which investigated domestic spying activity of the Central Intelligence Agency, will be invited to be "prosecutor" of the dead Oswald.

Mark Lane, once an attorney for Oswald's mother, Marguerite Oswald, and later author of "Rush to Judgement," a book critical of the Warren Commission, will be invited to defend Oswald, according to Staples.

The radio station plans to stage the trial which is expected to last for several weeks

re a during the fall of 1975 – the 12th anniversary

F. of the assassination.

"It will follow the standard rules of law," said Staples, who has himself been investigating and reviewing assassination evidence for four years.

"This is not a publicity stunt and will not be carried live on the radio.

"WE WILL INVITE whatever witnesses the prosecutor and defense attorney want from people still living.

"If they will not appear, we will read their previous testimony from the 26 volumes of the Warren Report."

Qualified news reporters will be welcome to sit in on the trial, but the station does not plan to open it to the public in a circus-like atmosphere.

AS NEW EVIDENCE in the Kennedy assassination has turned up, KRLD vice president and general manager John C. Butler aired an editorial urging an official reopening of the investigation.

"We want the country to know we have this kind of work going on in Dallas," Staples said. "Dallas is not ashamed that the assassination occurred here. We want the truth to be known as much or more than anybody else. Dallas is still working on this thing."