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Guests: Harold Weisberg, Kieran O'Dougherty, Alexander Rose

Excerpts

Rose I am always persuaded by citations. It is true that one can harp on citations, but when--is it Mr. Weisberger?

Weisberg Weisberg.

Rose May I ask you, Mr. Weisberg, whether you are an attorney?

Weisberg No.

Rose You speak as eloquently as a good attorney.

Weisberg I take that as a compliment.

Rose When Mr. Weisberg asks for a citation, short of harping on it and carping about them, I think it's a perfectly legitimate request, because we can be here all night...making gratuitous statements...

Weisberg May I please, on just that point? Now, I didn't mean to be unfair. I offered the citation, he said don't read it, now I've got it here...I've made a study of a government document, and that's a DISGRACE? What kind of concept of law or justice or responsibility or citizenship is this? Now if he wants to call me a bum, that's fine, let him call me a bum, that's an opinion--but when he as a lawyer calls a judgment on what a lawyer should not at all begin to say that thing, what do we live in, a dictatorship--

O'Dougherty No, you're under a cross-examination here, and you'd better be able to take it, Mr. Weisberg, because you are going to get it...(reads from Warren Report on Frazier and the paper bag)...

Weisberg (interrupts) I submit that he's got--

O'Dougherty Let me finish...(continues reading from WR)...It goes on and on in detail here, but the point is we have two witnesses here...fibers...

Weisberg I don't want to interrupt, but please stop him once in a while. You realize that I would have to take an hour to answer all of this nonsense you have just spewed out. You talk about two witnesses...each of these witnesses testified diametrically opposite to what the Commission has said...one of them was sweated...I defy you to show me where the Commission, the FBI, or anybody looked for curtains rods anytime before the following August...

O'Dougherty All right, let's get down to some common sense...

Weisberg Wait just a second, I'm not going to let you get away with that...

Rose Is it asking too much ^{for you} to ask this man not to insult me every time he opens his mouth? Because what's the consequences? Either I come through to your audience as a man who sits back and lets himself be insulted to his face...

Farber I agree with both of you, if I were sensitive I'd certainly consider what Kieran O'Dougherty just said a stinging insult--now, wait a minute, Harold, when you get into this particular boxing ring, that's not really a below the belt, you know, it's a good left jab--

Rose These two men, I've listened to a great many guests on your panel, these two men are so eloquent, so articulate, and they seem both so intelligent, and by the way, I've seen probably 50,000 lawyers in action, and I take my hat off to you, you stand with all of them, with any of them--

Weisberg Thank you.

Rose And you, too, Mr. Weisberg. But the point is, I don't think there is any room for people with your talent, for any diatribe...