

## CHAPTER 24

### “The Holy Man”

Lane is not the only one of his lawyers who failed to serve Ray's obvious interests and needs.

After he was captured in England Ray's first choice was F. Lee Bailey, Boston's famous criminal lawyer. From records I obtained in that FOIA lawsuit Bailey sought, of all things, the advice of the Department of Justice. It recommended against his representing Ray. He didn't.

This is but one of the many ways the government was able to control the outcome.

It would have required the superior skills and talents of an F. Lee Bailey to get Ray acquitted because in fact the case alleged against him did not stack in any way. The government's alleged case was so non-existing it could not place him at the scene of the crime! And that not only at the time of the crime! I know. I have its records as the result of 10 years of litigation it effectively stonewalled that long. (C.A. 75-1996, in federal district court for the District of Columbia.)

It could place him in Memphis only by testimony it could not use because that witness had psychiatric problems. There is no doubt that he told the truth. Ray admitted it. But using Ray's admission would have created a scandal no government wanted, as we see below.

The vaunted FBI could not and did not identify what it called the "death" rifle as having fired the fatal shot. The reason is obvious: it did not!

There is more that is exculpatory, but this is enough to leave it without question that had F. Lee Bailey taken the case and treated it as no more than another of his many cases it would have been a disaster for the government. This is because its only candidate for killer of the dreamer, as Martin Luther King was called after his remarkable and so moving "I Have a Dream" speech at the Lincoln Memorial after that then unprecedented march of a quarter of a million people of all races, sexes and ages in demanding equality for all, would easily have been proven to be not guilty.

Turning to the other extreme in his desperation, Ray got Arthur Hanes, Sr., of whom he knew because he was well reported, Hanes defended those accused of racial crimes, including the killing of the

white civil rights worker, Mrs. Viola Liuzzo.

Hanes had other distinctions. He was an FBI agent who left the FBI because he considered it too liberal. He did legal jobs for the CIA. And he sold the exclusive literary rights to Ray and his story to William Bradford Huie. Not a cent of Huie's \$35,000, then worth much more than it is today, that Hanes got from Huie went to Ray.

Huie used what he got from Ray through Hanes in a book and in a series of Look magazines articles that contrary to all the evidence said that Ray was King's killer. Huie tried to make a deal with the FBI in which he would give it all he got for Ray in return for exclusive pictures of him taken for Huie's use. The FBI had no use for Huie, it gave him nothing, and accepted for use against Ray all it got from Huie.

Hanes also failed to make any real investigation. He failed even to have the alleged murder rifle test fired after he had the right from the judge to do that. That alone, from the work I later did for Ray, would have exculpated Ray.

As Ray's investigator I conducted the investigation for the habeas corpus proceeding, the first step in his quest for the trial he never had, as we have seen. Winning that led to two weeks of evidentiary hearings in Memphis. The evidence I produced as the result of my investigation for those hearings, as used by the lawyers, the later Bernard Fensterwald, Jr., and James H. Lesar, who later was my lawyer in my FOIA litigation - not all the evidence but enough to make the case for acquittal, as had not been done for Ray before he was coerced into a plea of guilty - did show that Ray was not guilty. But the legal system being what it is, Judge Robert R. MacRae held that Ray's guilt or innocence was not material to what was before him: whether Ray had had the effective assistance of counsel and whether his plea had been coerced.

In his somewhat less than Solomonic wisdom MacRae held that when it was so easy to prove Ray innocent and his lawyers had not done that, that did not in any way show he had not had the effective assistance of counsel!

When he was Ray's lawyer Hanes found none of this of my usefulness.

The lawyer who sold Ray down the river was then the country's most famous criminal lawyer, the

late Percy Foreman. Ray has hired him when he fired Hanes. Huie's money then went to Foreman. And Foreman incredibly, let Huie appear voluntarily before that Memphis grand jury to proclaim Ray's guilt and to condemn him for not confessing to it. That is what Huie expected in return for the money he had given Hanes! He actually testified to that!

I have the transcript of Huie's grand jury testimony.

Foreman made no investigation at all. He presumed Ray's guilt and ultimately coerced him into the guilty plea Foreman negotiated. Under it Ray was coerced into accepting as a "compromise" the maximum sentence any jury could have decided on!

Some "compromise!"

It was Foreman's practice once he was successful as a criminal lawyer, to take sensational criminal cases because of the advertising it got him. Advertising by lawyers was then prohibited. He got most of his not inconsiderable wealth by representing women who sued rich husbands.

Foreman also accepted TV appearances because they also advertised him. He flew from Texas to New York to appear on WNEW-TV on his representation of Ray. He knew he would appear with Hanes. What the station did not tell him is that he would appear with me alone in opposition to them both. As I report elsewhere, Foreman had read Frame-Up. It was when the makeup was being applied that he learned he would confront me. He then fled, without removing the makeup, shouting threats of suing the station for libel. That would have been a new libel, unspoken libel.

What Foreman did was a big favor to the federal government, which really had no case against Ray at all. But it also had no other candidate for assassin. Without Ray's guilty plea coerced by Foreman that crime would have been unsolved in the public mind as it is in fact. After conviction for federal offences, one similar to his putting Ray away, Foreman did not go to jail. Nothing happened to him as a result. He died without going to jail.

All of this and much more like it was available to the House committee but like Huie, Foreman and all the governments involved, it also presumed Ray's guilt. It therefore ignored what was so available to it.

Because Lane, as is not uncommon for him, was astoundingly ignorant of the work that had been done and had been tested in court, he could not even needle the committee what was pilloring Ray when Lane supposedly was defending Ray before it.

I repeat a little to emphasize the fact that is beyond question is if Lane had used the work I had done and was available to him free, with no cost at all, because it was in the case record of which he knew; and if he had used what I got from the Department of Justice, of which he also knew; he could have used all that TV coverage to blow that committee up and prove Ray's de facto innocence on coast-to-coast, live TV.

That could have forced the trial neither the federal nor the local governments wanted.

But not being one to do the work of going over the existing records so important in defending Ray. Lane helped that prejudiced and dishonest committee do Ray in the public mind. He preferred nasty comments about others, like those he made about me, to doing any real work, without regard for relevance or faithfulness. He preferred also his silly kid stuff of the conspiracy he cooked up in imagining himself a Perry Mason.

The case he made up is preposterous. It is totally baseless. And it did Ray no good, however much it made for Lane.

Instead of doing anything to help Ray in anyway, Lane first let him go before the committee that was out to make him appear to be guilty. He then failed to prepare himself to defend Ray in any meaningful way, easy as that would have been.

But look at all that great, live, coast-to-coast TV Lane got for himself.

At Ray's cost and at the cost of our history, of that unsolved major crime that was the costliest of all crimes in the country's history.

In this we use Lane to define and describe himself.

Lane is, as Sylvia Meagher said with such tragic correctness about Jim Garrison, an Ayn Rand character. Chameleon-like at that.

As a young man during the political ferment of the late 1950s and early 1960s he was of the left.

With the turning of the political tide and the Reagan revolution of the right, Lane wound up on the most extreme fringe of the irrational right.

My first indication of this came from Jerry Ray, James' younger brother. He sent me tape after disgusting and ugly racist tape in which he boasted of his friendship and close relationship with Lane, who then was James' lawyer. Jerry even told me that Lane had converted, that he is a Jew who turned Catholic. He told me of going to midnight masses in Tennessee with Lane. Whether or not this is true - and Jerry himself is not religious - he has ever since then referred to Lane only as "The Holy Man." Never by his name, only as "The Holy Man." On a clipping Jerry sent me and I use in what follows, where the caption does not identify Lane in the picture that rag of the irrational right extreme published, Jerry wrote on it "THE HOLY MAN" with an arrow pointing at Lane.

It was a picture of an anti-Semitic demonstration, mostly of Arabs.

Lane the Jew became Lane an anti-Semitic.

With a Hitler-lover who is also a native fascist, the country's most notorious one.

After Hitler's defeat and after exposure of the unprecedented horrors he visited upon the world it became impossible for those who believe as he did to admit that. They soon were reporting to semantics, to buzz-words. Taking the most common from the Arabs. The Arabs, who are a Semitic people, describe their hatred of Jews not as anti-Semitism, but as anti-Zionism. It is a distinction without a meaning. What they really mean is anti-Jew.

This is also the formulation of Lane and his newest associate in the full political spectrum he has traversed, Willis A. Carto.

For most anti-Semites the new thing is to claim the Holocaust never happened.

The Carto variant is that it was all vastly overblown, that sure, a few, a very few Jews were killed but so were many other peoples. No big deal.

But however they lie about it, they all deny there was any such thing as the holocaust. And however they deny this they are all anti-Semites with false faces on.

(For a fuller, dependable and documented account of Lane's associates among our native fascists and most notorious anti-Semites, see Professor Deborah Lipstadt's excellent Denying the Holocaust, New York, 1993, Free Press/Macmillan, especially the chapter on Willis Carto and his assorted fronts and organizations like "The Institute for Historical Review," pages 137-56.)

It holds more about Lane's newest pal and mentor, Carto and his many native Nazi outfits than the average reader will want to know.

One of Carto's operations is The Noontide Press. One of its featured works is the ancient fake cooked up by the Czarist police to justify his and their murderous pogroms, the forgery of The Protocols of the Elders of Zion. It is the source of the insanity that Jews killed Christians to use their blood in matzohs. Matzohs are white. Blood is red. But not even the impossibility of the matzohs allegedly baked with red blood being white has ever been any deterrent to the use of that most classic of anti-Semitic fakes. Even Henry Ford, who had his own anti-Semitic paper, The Dearborn Independent, published the fake Protocols. He even advertised free copies on his nationwide radio program every Sunday night decades before TV. His anti-Semitic spokesman on that program, with a talk on each, was W.J. Cameron. Carto and much of the Arab world now distributes that fake, leading many innocent people to believe it.

Francis Parker Yockey, an Irishman a bit sick in the head, many years ago wrote Imperium. He and Carto expected it to be the new Mein Kampf. Yes, Carto prints and sells that fake, took.

Carto's anti-Semitism takes many forms and he foists them off on the trusting as well as the persuaded. One of the most effective is in his weekly The Spotlight. To him and in it one of the imagined Jewish conspiracy to rule the world is through The Trilateralists. Another is "international Jewish bankers," in Cartoland also "the Megabankers."

How much what these domestic-fascist hate-mongers say can be believed I learned from my own experience with Lane's cronies. It made up what it attributed to me that I never said and never believed. I learned six years late, when Jerry Ray sent me a copy of The Spotlight's May 27, 1985 reprint of an April 16, 1979 fabrication it printed.

Martin Price was a Jew who was no less principled than Mark Lane. As I wrote an ACLU lawyer who I thought might be embarrassed by it when I read the reprint, Price had phoned me and asked to see the records I'd gotten by those many FOIA lawsuits. Because I have always permitted all writing in the field to examine them I told Price he could.

"He came with his wife and a hypochondriac, real or imagined" that really "surprised me. ...it was all backache, real or pretended." I concluded saying that Price had wasted three days of my time and "To refer to Price as a swine is to defame pigs."

The banner headline across the top of The Spotlight page is, "International Megabankers Seen Behind Murder of JFK."

I never said that I never believed it. I know of no reason even to suspect it.

But Price knew what Carto wanted and he knew that Carto paid him so this is how and why that was made up. As fiction it was reprinted after six years. It starts:

"When the late Martin Price interviewed controversial author Harold Weisberg in the spring of 1979 on the subject of the assassination of JFK, the latter's theories met with considerable public disbelief. Put in perspective of The SPOTLIGHT's current series, however, Weisberg's views gain added credibility. Here is the story as it appeared in The SPOTLIGHT on April 16, 1979.

Fourteenth in a Series  
Exclusive to The Spotlight  
By Martin Price

"Harold Weisberg, considered by many to be the dean of the assassination buffs and who independently examined the slaying of President John F. Kennedy for more than 15 years, has concluded that the international bankers and industrialists who reaped billions in profits from U.S. involvement in Vietnam and other so-called "limited wars" were the men most probably behind the successful plot to kill Kennedy."

Not a word of this is true. Not even that Price came up to interview me. We did speak when he claimed the agony of his backache made it too painful to work in those files in our basement. That is how he wasted three days for me, with all those interruptions.

"International bankers" has been a fascist buzzword for Jews for as long as I can remember. Jews in the sense of a conspiracy to control the world. Henry Ford loved it and used it all the time.

The Washington Post's weekly book section, Book World, assigned the review of Lipstadt's definitive study to the British writer Paul Johnson. One of his many books is A History of the Jews. In it he traces anti-Semitism throughout history. His was the lead review in the July 11, 1993 issue. Under the heading, Antisemitic History: The Fate of the 6 Million. This is how it begins, speaking of the kind of company Lane by preference keeps:

"Antisemitism is one of the oldest and most persistent of human delusions. Some Jews resignedly believe it is ineradicable. It is protean and takes countless different forms, so that it is peculiarly resistant to empirical disproof: Nailed in one shape, it instantly reappears in another, often contradictory one. The fact of the Holocaust ought to have ended antisemitism everywhere, forever. The characteristic response of the anti-Semites has been to deny that it happened, and to posit the existence of yet another secret Jewish conspiracy to foist onto a gullible world the myth that six million Jews were killed by the Nazis.

"In fact, Holocaust-denial is now the fastest-growing and probably the commonest form of antisemitism. In the United States, where it appears regularly on the campus and in innumerable extremist publications of both Left and Right, it is easily given a current political context."

Beginning with a question from it that concludes, referring to the alleged theft of millions from the United States government by Israel, Johnson gets into Carto. The quotation concludes, "And the theft is perpetuated primarily through the clever use of the Greatest Lie in all history - the lie of the 'Holocaust.'"

Johnson next says,

"This particular statement was put out by an organization called the Institute for Historical Research, a pseudo-academic body that has been one of the most energetic exponents of Holocaust-denial. In 1979 it held the first "Revisionist Convention" in Los Angeles. The IHR had been founded the year before by Lewis Brandon, who was born in 1951 in Northern Ireland and has a long record of fascist activities on both sides of the Atlantic. His real name was William David McCalden, though he also operated as David Stanford, David Berg, Sonda Ross and David Finkelstein. Behind McCalden was an older man called Willis Carto, identified by the Anti-Defamation League as the most important and professional anti-Semite in the United States. Born in 1926 in Indiana, Carto was a member of the John Birch Society until he quarreled with its founder, Robert Welch. He then set up his own organization, which eventually emerged as the Liberty Lobby and by the 1980s had an annual income of close to \$4 million. This financed the IHR..."

There is more and it is accurate, particularly in showing that there is no actual factual or historical truth from those who claim to be revisionist historians, do Carto and his Institute for Historical Review.

In its August 5, 1993 issue Book World gave about a page and a half to the Holocaust deniers. The first letter is Carto's. Here are a few of his comments:

"The confusion on the general subject of the "Holocaust" is exemplified by the artwork used



in the review - a pile of corpses, allegedly at Dachau, presumably gassed Jews. But "everyone" knows that there were no gas chambers at Dachau. Even Abba Eban and Simon Wiesenthal have stated this.

"Incidentally, revisionists do not deny that the Third Reich was anti-Semitic and that millions of people were killed in World War II, all of them needlessly, many under horrible circumstances and that many were Jews. War is Hell. War itself is a crime and all criminal investigators know that the truth of a crime lies in the details. That's what revisionists seek - the details, the truth. And that's no crime."

As those who know the real history of Hitler's Holocaust knew very well, his mass slaughter of Jews did not begin until he held securely enough land in Poland to hope to have it escape detection and he had no gas chambers, which were soon invented, inside Germany. Dachau is in Germany.

The caption on the picture with Johnson's review to which Carto referred reads, under the ghastly stack of skin and bones corpses, "Some of the dead prisoners found by the U.S. Seventh Army at Dachau." The picture is credited to "Signal Corps Photo." It is an official army photo.

The caption does not mention gas chambers, those Carto "presumed" at Dachau.

The "revisionist" facts are as faithful as Hitler's. His truth is their truth.

While this is a subdued version of those fascists with whom Lane finds his newest home, it illustrates that they use any opportunity to get their anti-Semitic propaganda out.

So there can be no doubt about Lane's connection with this gang of Hitler-lovers, and their anti-Semitic propaganda, and direct quotation on that follows, it was announced in the October 5, 1987 issue of The Spotlight:

"Noted civil libertarian attorney Mark Lane had joined the staff of 'Zionist Watch,' as associate editor of the recently established twice-monthly newsletter.

"Mark will be a valuable addition to 'Zionist Watch,' said Victor Marchetti, Lane's new colleague and editor of the publication.

"Mark is one of the most articulate and best-known American Jewish critics of Zionism. He has established himself as a foremost leader in the drive to force the Establishment to rethink current U.S. Middle East Policy."

Marchetti is the writer whose gross and defamatory article was held not to be libelous because he had sources, no matter how dubious, in the lawsuit Lane won for Carto and he then misused for his phony commercialization and exploitation of the assassination, Plausible Denial.

Five years earlier Jerry sent me an undated The Spotlight picture that includes Lane with Arab

demonstrators behind a sign that reads, "AS A JEWISH AMERICAN I CONDEMN US-ISRAELI GENOCIDE." It is this picture on which he has the arrow pointing to Lane and the words, "HOLY MAN."

When Lane was promoting Plausible Denial in the San Francisco Bay area there were protests. I was sent a copy of a leaflet that on one side begins:

"DON'T BE FOOLED BY MARK LANE

"Mark Lane is an attorney and propagandist for the Liberty Lobby, the most notorious pro-Nazi organization in the United States.

"Former' Klansman David Duke first ran for president in 1988 with Liberty Lobby's Populist Party. In 1991, Liberty Lobby endorsed Duke's gubernatorial campaign.

"In Plausible Denial, the book Cody's is promoting, Lane claims he has 'never heard an anti-Semitic expression' from his client, Liberty Lobby founder Willis Carto.

"The fact is that Carto has repeatedly made such statements, including those summarized in Paul Rauber's column on the reverse side of this leaflet."

On the reverse side Paul Rauber's column from the paper Express of January 10, 1992 includes this:

"For the record, Willis Carto is the most notorious anti-Semite in the country, the Liberty Lobby the most notorious anti-Semitic organization, and Mark Lane their lawyer. Carto was exposed as early as 1966 by columnist Drew Pearson, who published a damning letter by Carto which said that 'Hitler's defeat was the defeat of Europe. And of America. How could we have been so blind? The blame, it seems, must be laid at the door of the international Jews. It was their propaganda, lies, and demands which blinded the West to what Germany was doing. ... If Satan himself, with all of his superhuman genius and diabolical ingenuity at his command, had tried to create a permanent disintegration and force for the destruction of the nations, he could have done no better than to invent the Jews.'

"As for the Noontide Press, its character can be judged from the contents of its catalogue:

"The Six Million Reconsidered, The Testament of Adolf Hitler, Germany's Hitler ('a portrait of a man dedicated to his people and the vision of the National Socialist philosophy, as well as a man who in private life showed a very human side'), and of course the classic anti-Semitic text, The Protocols of the Elders of Zion.

"Willis Carto is a busy man. He founded the Populist Party, whose 1988 presidential candidate was Nazi David Duke. Carto also started a Costa Mesa, California-based organization called the Institute for Historical Review, which is dedicated to proving that the Holocaust never happened. In 1980, IHR offered a \$50,000 reward to anyone who could prove that Jews were gassed at Auschwitz. Holocaust survivor Mel Mermelstein took him up on the offer and submitted proof. IHR refused to pay, so Mermelstein took it to court, eventually winning the \$50,000, plus \$40,000 more for pain and suffering. In the course of the trial, Willis Carto was deposed. 'Certainly there were no Jews gassed at Auschwitz,' he said, 'because there were no gas chambers. There were no Jews gassed at any of the German - any of the camps in Germany.'

"According to Mark Weber, associate editor of IHR's Journal of the Historical Review, 'If by the 'Holocaust' you mean the political persecution of Jews, some scattered killings, if you mean a cruel thing that happened, no one denies that. But if one says that the 'Holocaust' means the systematic extermination of six to eight million Jews in concentration camps, that's what we think there's not evidence for.' That is, IHR doesn't deny that the 'Holocaust' happened; they just deny that the word 'Holocaust' means what people customarily use it to mean."

Evil games with words.

How effectively Americans can be - have been - deceived by these word games is reflected in the July 10, 1994 Washington Post.

Under the heading "Questioning the Holocaust (Revisited)" it reports that by means of wording that was less than fair and impartial the results of a poll were stacked in favor of the Holocaust "revisionists." Asked if it seemed possible or impossible that "the Nazi extermination of the Jews never happened," that poll of two years earlier "purported to show that one out of three Americans - 34 percent - believed the Holocaust never happened or weren't sure."

The new Nazism with a different name and false faces is not limited to the United States. It is increasingly widespread here, in Europe, and in Canada, where there is a law against it. It involved a phony American engineer who is not an engineer and by them is regarded as the expert of experts in his pseudo-science that proclaims the gas chambers did not exist. Its political success varies from country to country. With the resurgence of the mindless, pseudo-religious right in this country with its own kind of pseudo-religious support for its utter irrationality, the Carto klan is not without that kind of mindless support in its campaign to mimic and rehabilitate Hitler and his unprecedented evils.

In this it is not without help. It is no longer lonely. In its paying Jews to be publicly part of it in its campaigns against and defamations of Jews as a people, Lane has become an important front and voice for it and for them.

Despite Hitler's wholesale slaughters of so many Jews, he nonetheless found those who were his Judas goats. "Judas goats" were used by the slaughterhouses of old to lead the cattle to their butchering. As did those in Europe known as the Judenrat. Among their other services to Hitler they designated their fellow Jews to the cattle-cars that carried them, stuffed as cattle never were so tightly into those railroad cars they hardly had room to fall on their way to the crematoria. The crematoria those who have taken the name "revisionists" claim did not even exist.

I have made no effort to tabulate all Carto's means of his Ameriform of carrying on Hitler's work.

They include the Liberty Lobby, of which he was the founder and in which he holds the position of treasurer.

In its name "Liberty" has all the meaning of "love" in the mouth of a whore. There is also the Liberty Lobby Letter. His Institute for Historical Review may be an institute but it is not history that it reviews. It has its own journal. We've had a glimpse of The Spotlight as a paper and of those who make up what Carto pays them for making up. Martin Price, what he said of me and what he said that I neither said nor believe is an example.

Carto also has a Washington Newsletter, with news in the traditional sense not what it carries. The old American Mercury magazine which he acquired is defunct. But his Noontide Press is active. As we have seen it printed Yockey's intended Mein Kampf, Imperium, supposedly "The Philosophy of History and Politics." It was dedicated to Hitler. It called on the west to follow Nazism. Carto wrote the introduction to his Noontide reprinting of it.

There is more, much more, but this is more than enough.

And so it is that Lane finds a new home and a new career with the man from whom he "never heard an anti-Semitic expression," the man who bewailed Hitler's defeat, saying of it "The blame, it seems, must be laid at the door of the international Jew."

Of course there is, to the Lanes and the David Dukes and the Willis Cartos, nothing anti-Semitic in this direct quotation, "If Satan himself, with all his superhuman genius and diabolical ingenuity at his command, had tried to create a permanent disintegration and force for destruction of the nations, he could have done no better than to invent the Jews."

Lane disinvented?

While this is but the merest peek - hardly the full Spotlight - on Carto, his many fronts, hired hands and hangers-on, his pseudo-scholarship and his defense of Hitler, whose work and beliefs he carries on in his own ways, it is enough of a peek to explain why in his great wisdom and from their close association Jerry Ray refers to Mark Lane only as

The Holy Man.

Holy as Himler, or is Goebbels closer, as Abu Nidal, or Hammas or the Hezbollah in his role in the JFK Assassination Industry, which did make him rich and famous, if famous is the right word.