

February 13, 1964

The Chicago Friends of the National Guardian sponsored a "Report to Chicago" on "What Happened in Dallas" by MARK LANE, attorney, of New York, who is representing OSWALD, - on Thursday evening, February 13, 1964, at the Midland Hotel, 105 West Adams Street, Chicago, Illinois, at 8 P.M.

The admission was \$1.00 and about 350 people attended. PEARL HART was the chairman and complimented the National Guardian for its progressiveness. She introduced Mr. ANYA DIMEO (a labor leader) who also credited the Guardian for its good work. She then introduced an attorney, a Negro, whose name was not caught, and who made an appeal for funds (it was later learned that about \$360.00 was collected).

The main speaker was then introduced. He spoke very well and presented facts and affidavits. Mr. LANE told the following:

Immediately after the shooting, the reports given via television were that three shots had been fired - one before the bend, one after the turn past the Book building, and the third a little further on. Also that the first shot had entered the President's neck, by the Adams Apple, and down into the lung; the second and third shots after the turn having struck the Governor and the President's head. Also, the first news given out by the doctors was that the bullet having entered the front of the President's throat, travelled down to the lung - a definitely plain course, which they could readily recognize as they saw many bullet wounds - so they put a tube down from the front into the lung, to try to assist the breathing - but, of course, to no avail.

However, after the Governor's wife told that she had said aloud to the President, after the turn, and facing him, so that he was looking straight ahead, and could not have possibly been struck from the Book building which was in back of him - the later news given out was that the bullet had entered the back of his head and exited through his windpipe. The doctors were instructed on their "miss"

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by the Washington doctors who made the autopsy, and later they too changed their story to the reporters - that the bullet came out of the windpipe, not "into" it. When asked by reporters why the change in their diagnosis, they said "there was more to it than could be said."

The four men who were from the Dallas newspaper, waiting alongside the roadway, past the Book building, but before the overpass, claimed they believed the shots came from the overpass. These men were not interviewed publically nor was their testimony taken into public account or revealed.

The chicken bones found in the building in question on the 6th floor were discovered to be about two days old - thereby making it seem that OSWALD had taken chicken bones only for his vigil.

Also why had he only \$18.00 on his person and had left \$150.00 in his dresser drawer at home; and why had he run home to get a jacket when it was announced by Mrs. KENNEDY that it was so "hot" on the ride; and why had he bought a cheap rifle if he had so much money available, when it was told by the gun sellers as well as others examining the rifle, that the gun was very poorly made and could not be trusted to work well - especially to hit the target three times so exactly. He could have purchased a much better and surer gun right close to home for the same money.

Also, very shortly after the shooting, it was immediately broadcast that the weapon used was a German Mauser. It was repeated over and over again. When shown to OSWALD's wife, for identification, she said it looked like it, but was definitely a different color. However, later when they brought her the carbine, an entirely different gun, she readily recognized it.

Also, how could they hold her for nine weeks, when it was illegal to have held her even 24 hours; and a wife cannot testify against her husband. When the mother, wife and two children were first held by the authorities, and the wife was asked over and over again questions,

The mother was very outspoken and said she insisted upon her daughter-in-law having representation, and for her not to talk any more. The representation given to Mrs. OSWALD, junior, finally, was of the choosing of the authorities. The mother was discussed as "the old lady is giving us trouble" when they did not know she heard. She was forcibly detained by two FBI men when she tried to leave at one time.

When Mr. LANE asked if the wife had been "brainwashed," the answer was "only Chinese Communists brainwash people."

Through illustration on a blackboard, Mr. LANE showed how, during the transfer of OSWALD, it was a "put up" job for RUBY to get in and kill OSWALD - how an ambulance was waiting "to rush him to the hospital in case he was still alive" - how two guards were taken away from their stations by a superior (although they protested it was their duty to stand guard, but were bluntly told to come away, "or else"), and then RUBY rushed in from the left and shot OSWALD - how the Friday before, when OSWALD was being questioned in the outer jail, the District Attorney, over a microphone, was called "HENRY" by the person holding the microphone, whom he called "JACK" (RUBY), etc.

Mr. LANE was not permitted to see the widow of OSWALD, nor would he be shown certain records. Certain ones he caught a glimpse of, and they felt he should not see, were hidden and he was told they could not let him see them.

He explained that the District Attorney is a former FBI man and that the Commission who were investigating consisted of very biased men. He said that the Chief Justice has expressed "we probably will never know the facts during our lifetime" and then later said he had spoken in jest. From many facts hidden, as well as contorted, Mr. LANE said that there would be a great lack of prestige toward the Chief Justice, who formerly was held in such high esteem, which would be deplorable.

When Mr. LANE was asked about a certain remark he had made to MARGARET OSWALD when she wanted him to represent her, he explained that he told her he would represent her son, if she wanted him to, but he could not represent both him and her. She agreed. However, she calls him daily, or more, and asks him advice on certain points, and he gives it to her.

He told about the bullet hole in the front of the windshield, and how it was not accessible to him (and others) but how it finally wound up in Detroit, where it was refinished and repaired.

When asked what his ideas were concerning who might have done the deed, he said he had not opinions, but that no one seemed to be following the legally prescribed course of investigate the line - if not OSWALD, then who?

He said why would OSWALD, after the shooting, casually walk down four flights of stairs in the Book Building to the second floor, drink a coke from the coke machine (while the building was being surrounded by FBI men) and then after one of his superiors had convinced a law man who had stopped to question OSWALD, that OSWALD was a worker in the building; and why should OSWALD have taken the rifle wrapped full length, when he could have broke it down into an inconspicuous package; and how did he get out without being seen; and why would he run half a mile in the opposite direction to get a bus to go past the Book building; and why did the bus driver place him in the bus before the time of the shooting; and why did he get off the bus and take a taxi driven by a man (whose name was given out by the FBI) and after checking, the transportation company definitely stated they had no such person on their lists in their employ.

When Mr. LANE was asked by the audience what would happen if the authorities would take away his affidavits from him and possibly stop him some way, he replied that other men in various places had the real documents, he had only copies; and if something happened to him, they probably could more capably take over from where he left off.

When asked if he believed OSWALD might have been in the employ of the CIA, he said he did not feel he was.

When asked if he had any opinion as to who shot the policeman, he replied that he certainly did, but would not discuss it until after RUBY's trial.

He said the true meaning of our democracy was being completely outraged in this matter, and it was frightening how facts and deeds were entirely distorted and untrue. He said he intended to do his utmost to bring the truth out into the open.

He said Dallas is by far a greater city of violence and corruption than Chicago. In view of this, and because of the fact that some time ago Mr. and Mrs. L. B. JOHNSON were spat upon in that city; and in view of the fact that ADLAI STEVENSON had been struck and reviled there, why wasn't there stricter surveillance that day by the FBI, and where was the chief law officer of that city on that day (he was not in town).

The meeting adjourned about 10:30 PM.

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[redacted] who furnished reliable information in the past, on February 17, 1964, furnished to SA J. WALLACE WERTZ information concerning a meeting sponsored by Chicago Friends of the National Guardian held on the evening of February 13, 1964. The report is located in [redacted]

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Recommendation: None

It is to be noted that the information concerning this meeting, furnished by the informant, was the subject of a letterhead memorandum. The report is as follows:

- 2 - New York (RM)
 - (1 - 100- NATIONAL GUARDIAN)
 - (1 - 100- MARK LANE)
- 2 - Dallas (RM)
 - (1 - 44-1639 JACK RUBY, aka)
 - (1 - 89-43 ASSASSINATION OF PRES. KENNEDY)
- 1 - [redacted]
- 1 - 100-1331 [redacted]
- 1 - 100-4661 [redacted]

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