

Jim with "Zurru"

Dear Jim Lane on Empathy

2/16/77

I've listened to the tape, the dub, and decided against trying to dub off the quotes. In the attached unread memo on that show I have enough specifics and quite possible more than there will be time for. I'll make some notes on the omissions, which are significant.

There are many unfortunate parts to this miserable business. His attack on a press worth of attack on the subject in general is so grossly unfair that I am put in the position of seeming to defend them. I think this will be no problem and that I can utilize it in the way I handle it.

He was so excessive in going after Lardner that I'll use George's stories.

Nine are not mounted and I'll have a little trouble digging them out and then mounting and copying them. So if you can, without trouble, make and mail me copies of yours I'd appreciate it. If it is trouble do not bother but let me know. Then I'll find these and mount and copy them. I do want them all the same size for easy handling on the air.

Lardner's story on the material we got in spectro, last winter as I recall.

Lardner's story quoting Lane as the man who got Sprague his job.

The story quoting me the day of the broadcast.

The New Times page with Ken Brief's letter calling him a crook. (I have Les's stories)

And something I gave you from a Philadelphia paper quoting the ACLU on Sprague's contempt for legal rights. Mark said he researched Sprague at the Library of Congress. Great investigator - or civil libertarian.

(If you Post had any reference to the Gonzalez-Connally's clothing story our edition did not.)

This should be fun. I'll certainly want a tape. I think you also may but if we can get only one person to tape it we can dub. We may want a tape for other purposes. I don't know anyone I can get to do it. Their signal does not reach here nights and they do not use their FM station for duplicating AM.

I plan to ask him on the air to return face-to-face and question anything I say about him. I also plan to ask Fisk to be moderator on what is and is not responsive and to limit filibustering. If I do not forget I'm going to ask his producer tomorrow to ask Lane about the Kup report of his six-figure deal.

Here you phoned so there is not thing to add.

Best,