

Skolnick's Case In Limbo

(By The Daily Calumet Staff)

Court proceedings for Sherman Skolnick's case against the National Archives and Records Service have been indefinitely suspended.

Skolnick, the South Chicago legal researcher who has successfully contested state and local reapportionment cases and prompted last summer's investigation of two supreme court justices, has reported that he will pursue the case "when the time best suits the occasion."

Skolnick's suit against the National

Archives has charged the federal bureau with concealing documents and records relevant to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in 1963.

Skolnick believes that the published findings of the Warren Commission are incomplete and invalid. In addition to

contesting the Warren Commission findings, Skolnick has charged that a plot to kill the president was initiated in Chicago three weeks prior to the Dallas assassination and involved "at least" six doubles for Lee Harvey Oswald, the identified assassin.

Last week Skolnick entered a petition that federal district Judge Hubert Will order a "stay" on the case's proceedings. The legal researcher claimed that he, as plaintiff, could not receive a fair hearing.

According to Skolnick, the case would be fairly adjudicated by "a fellow judge in the same district as Judge Perry (Judge J. Sam Perry)," who the legal researcher has charged was responsible for the false imprisonment of a witness involved in the alleged National Archives suppression of information.

Monday Judge Will ordered the "stay" on court proceedings on the Skolnick v. National Archives case.

The legal researcher yesterday would not say when he intends to pursue the case actively again. He said simply that he will continue his case when the time best suits the situation before a federal judge not assigned to the northern district of Illinois.

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In noting the absence of your good friend's by-line, I wonder is he is unaware of this most arcane of conspiratorial devices, undoubtedly invented because Skolnick is so much of too much, whereby this terrible Department of Justice arranged to replace all the judges of the Federal court after Skolnick filed his "suit", and with only judges having identically the same names.

Otherwise, of course, the conditions that impelled Skolnick to ask for that "stay" would not have obtained, for are these not identically those conditions existing when he filed this "suit" (the word, used here, troubles me, so I apologize)?

And if the conditions were unchanged, what of the filing of the suit to begin with? Could it be possible that this paragon of civic virtue was less than serious and informed about the composition of the court, and that it included no one but "a fellow judge in the same district as Judge (J. Sam) Perry, the one who put Bolden away?

But, then, my legal understanding is limited but such incapacities ~~are~~ my inability to see how one can file a serious action under a law one asks be declared unconstitutional.

As you realize, I am a bit more questioning that the Daily Calumet, and I think Skolnick wants to forget about the whole thing, having picked up all of the chips of others his pockets can hold and having a few fears in mind (where they'd best remain). That time that "best suits the occasion" will not come until I bring it, as I certainly shall unless he makes a full breasts and apology before it does come. I think this is too out of character for Skolnick. And I have to stop this endless talevery. How much it hurts I'll probably never know, but there is now interest in that book and I'm confident what he did will eliminate that part from serious consideration. And I could have written half of a book in the time required to keep up with his crookedness and its potential and then get into a position from which I could fend off the remaining possibilities for hurt. For this also, as at some point he will learn he also owes me.

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