2 Airmen Cleared of Distributing Peace Leaflets at

Within a few hours, similar within a rew nours, succeeding leaflets in enlisted men's barracks charges of distributing leaflets in enlisted men's barracks without the approval of the commander were dropped against a second defendant, Airman 1st Cl. Thomas A. Spalding, 21, of Evansville, Ind.

It was a case that has had a heavy impact on this remote base of the Tactical Air Command-almost as much as Mr. Lane's presence has had upon the nearby town of Mountain

Opens Coffee House

Mr. Lane, 44, author of "Rush to Judgment," about the as-sassination of President Kennedy, is a former one-term New York State Assemblyman from Manhattan. He arrived in Mountain Home in April to take part in a peace demonstration and stayed on, organizing an anti-war coffeehouse called The Cov-

ered Wagon. In a town of 7,000 whose fortunes rise and fall with an air base that has about the same population, the coffee-house drew immediate notice when it opened. The young people operating it had con-tinuing trouble with vandalism and fistfights.

The coffeehouse, in an abandoned movie theater on North Main Street, was destroyed by a fire Nov. 21 that Police Chief

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MOUNTAIN HOME AIR
FORCE BASE, Ideaho, Dec. 9—

Special court-martial exploded with joy, shouting "Wow" and pummeling the back of a young airman today as he was cleared of charges of illegally distributing peace literature at this fighter plane base in southwestern Idaho.

When the military judge, Lieut. Col. Allan C. Smith, restored order, James C. Schaffer, 20 years old, of Hamburg, N. Y., reached quietly for the hand of his civilian lawyer, Mark Lane, and gave him the special handshake of many in the peace movement.

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Nelson H. Olds Jr. called arson. The matter is still under investigation.

Westmoreland, the Army Chief of Staff, marched to protest the nuclear weapons testing at the nucl

Idaho Base

which attorneys for both sides were told to stop "barking each other, the issue was settled on a dramatic, but less emotional note.

The Air Force policeman who had made the arrest was asked to pick out airman Schaffer from a group of men in the courtroom, Instead he picked Staff Sgt. William R. Blake as the prosecution's case collapsed.

Brig. Gen. Henry L. Warren, commander of the F-111F fighter plane wing at the base, said of the trial results, "I feel that justice was done and I wouldn't have it any other way." have it any other way.'

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