

Trouble in Paradise = Lifton is Raoul and the fired fat

As I piece it together there was a WJCA show to plug the New Times sensation. When I first heard of a talk-show with phone no problem I thought of this and of Long John Nebel but was told not either.

Now it seems to be WJCA, taped earlier this week and to be aired Sunday night, I think at 8, for two hours.

Lifton was doing the phone bit from NYC today, trying to get stories out attacking Lane. He says how sorry he is to know that Lane is so unscrupulous.

And it is exclusively because of his shock at learning for the first time one is to presume that Lane is unscrupulous that he wants him exposed.

Not because Lifton finally got something published and it is kicking back. Only because the people have to know about Lane.

His explanation of what is presented as Lane's hysteria is that he blew Lane's book.

And he has just learned how little Lane knows about fact. Even Lifton fact.

He was saying that Lane was loud in insisting that he is Jerry Ray's lawyer. And that they were going to sue.

The accounts I've heard do not include what others said. Others did include Jerry, Anson and Cohen.

Freed seems to be trying to hold his band together and preserve friendship with Lane at the same time. He is trying to do this by trying to cool his own gang.

For several weeks he has not been available by phone to a reporter he knows is my friend. But the calls to him had nothing to do with me and were not at my instigation.

The reaction attributed to Lane is greater than he usually permits. I do not think it is because Lifton and Cohen ruined his book. I think it more likely that they added ~~expans~~ a straw to his problems and that the problems are his ignorance and his book.

It seems, as I recall what I was told, that he is also incensed with New Times.

Ripoff Associates at each other's throats.

Probably be a great tape to hear.

Lifton will have one for sure.

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