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MARK LANE: MAKING A CAREER OUT OF TRAGEDIES

During the mass suicide-murder at Jonestown, Guyana, last November, Mark Lane, one of America's most controversial lawyers, was hiding in the jungle nearby, not knowing whether he would live or die. It was a macabre twist of fate in the life of a man who has made a career of two of the great American tragedies of our time: the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr.

Lane was one of the earliest exponents of the conspiracy theory in the Kennedy case. More recently, he took on the King case as attorney for James Earl Ray, the accused killer. His tactics, ethics and aims have earned him the sobriquet of "profiteer of death."

Staff writer Margaret Shannon and photographer Ed Thomp-

son went to Memphis, Tenn., and visited Lane and his household, which includes his woman law partner, one of the most important of the People Temple defectors, and a woman purported to be a key witness in the King assassination.

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