

Just before supper I had a phone call from a Miss McKinson of the Methomedia Penarasa Show to see if I would appear on it with the producer of the movie. I asked if they knew what they were doing and they said they did. I made sure. I also made clear I am a Trumbo admirer and am familiar with the book only, not the movie, and would not be able to talk about the movie.

I said that it depended on what happened what kind of show it would be, that I was not looking for a hassle but would not back away from one. However, I said I would prefer to discuss not the movie but the official investigation.

It seems they are taping their anniversary observation. When I heard this I offered them new and unpublished evidence. They are to let me know about that. They may also change their minds about having me with Lewis, or Lewis might if he does not check with his own p.r. man.

That is the farout part. It seems like all the movie people connected with the movie can't now stand Lane, Caffe and others. Lewis will not even appear with Lane. The station wanted Lane. I suppose they told the station the schedules do not permit or something like that. Any way, it is supposed to be secret, but it was the movie's local p.r. man who recommended me. And he knew my view because I gave it to him Monday.

Again or, there are flacks and there are flacks.

If this goes off as it was suggested, what will also happen is that I will then give the new horrors on how the Lane gang is promoting the movie to the flack and the producer. It turns the stomach. What I got from the Post I gave to Cesar and he has xeroxed. What he got is too large and he says is even worse. It is so bad that even Bud is sick over it. And that is bad.

If as I think I can I can separate myself from Lane and the book I have no problems with this. In fact, if that can ~~not~~ happen, with National General's ability to advertise and promote, if they would restrict to criticism of the official fiction I could be persuaded to part with some relevant documents.

Life is full of surprises. If they are not all pleasant, I guess it is something that they do surprise. After giving my opinion of the book, Lane and Fred to National General's rep, the one thing I did not expect is to appear at their suggestion on a show to promote this movie when they know I will not promote it.

Before any of this happened, I wrote and mailed my friend a letter saying that while I could in no way advertise this work, I could in every way criticize the "solution" to the assassination. I suggested that a completely separate expose, one making no reference to the movie at all, could promote to as nothing they could stage. And the time is topical for that expose.

Not from the Post I hear that they are having Haynes Johnson write an editorial statement for The Day. Based on what, I wonder? However, here WC should have some influence.

He and I have met once, but we don't know each other. He has not called me and there is no one in the Post's hierarchy who will suggest it. Or approve. But if he talks to the workers he may get a different version.