

# Libel Suit Dismissed, Named CBS, Cronkite

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U.S. District Court Judge  
Thomas A. Flannery yesterday  
dismissed a libel suit filed two  
years ago by Bethesda ac-

countant Henry M. Buchanan,  
against the Columbia Broad-  
casting System and CBS news  
commentator Walter Cronkite.

Flannery said there had  
been no proof that CBS or  
Cronkite had any malice to-  
ward Buchanan, an element  
that Flannery said would have  
to be proved for Buchanan to  
be successful in the suit.

The suit grew out of Cronk-  
ite's report of a 1973 U.S. Dis-  
trict Court hearing cocerning  
Buchanan's handling of cer-  
tain funds for the 1972 Nixon  
re-election committee. Bu-  
chanan is the brother of for-  
mer Nixon speechwriter Pat-  
rick Buchanan.

The Cronkite report was  
based largely on an Associated  
Press dispatch concerning the  
hearing, according to court  
records. Flannery earlier dis-  
missed a similar suit by Bu-  
chanan against AP.