

SF Chron Oct 26 1964
The News

Network for Rightwingers

By Donovan Bess

Retired Major General Edwin A. Walker disclosed yesterday that America's right-wingers have developed an information system designed to "compete with" the Nation's newspapers, television, radio and other press media.

In making the disclosure the tall Texan spoke of 1968 as the next political target year—virtually conceding that the Goldwater movement cannot come to power on November 3.

The right-wing information system is called the Liberty Network, or just the L.N., General Walker said yesterday at a breakfast session with top officials of the Bay Area Birch Society organizations. The strategy meeting was held in the Athens Club in Oakland.

'ACCUSED' "We have been accused—we who are under the general terms of 'conservative' and 'the right'—of having a Liberty Network," the general declared.

"I would just as soon say that we have a Liberty Network, which includes coordination and liaison across the country in this cause and its activities, and which is tremendously effective.

"It is referred to as the 'L.N.' You might consider it as being competitive with the UPI and the Associated Press and other media systems.

"It has tremendous power by word of mouth, by personal letters, and by publications and other means."

'TRUTH'

General Walker said the rightist network will "expose the truth" which, he asserted, is suppressed by the orthodox news media.



GENERAL WALKER
 "It has tremendous power"

He introduced the subject by declaring there has been for years "great force and strength" behind the organizations that produced the Republican nomination of Senator Barry Goldwater.

"Our efforts," he said, "will extend, for all Americans, to 1968 and 1976—very significant years—and on up to 1000 A.D."

Walker came to Oakland yesterday from Pacific Grove, where he was the house guest of Dan King III, a wealthy retired Texas rancher who organized the Birch Society chapters on the Monterey Peninsula.

CAMPAIGNERS

At yesterday's breakfast, he was the guest of Jack Azevedo, another Bircher who is running as a Republican against Jerome R. Waldie (Democrat) in the 10th Assembly District, Contra Costa county. A second honored guest at the breakfast was William Van Mastright of Orinda, another Bircher and a Republican, who is seeking the State Senate seat of George Miller Jr.

Earlier, at a press conference, General Walker described the Warren Commission report as "ridiculous, a sham and an insult to the public's intelligence." He said the investigation should "start all over again with the fact that (Lee Harvey) Oswald knew Rubenstein and Rubenstein knew Oswald."

A reporter asked, "Do you mean Jack Ruby?"

"I mean Rubenstein," the general replied. "You can call him anything you want."

Asked for his solution to America's racial problems, he said "nobody is going to live long enough to solve the world's racial problems."