

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.