

# Former ambassador reveals coverup

## Korry is undiplomatic about Chile

By SHIRLEE IDEN

If the government can demand truth in advertising, why shouldn't we demand truth in government?

Edward Korry, sometime journalist, diplomat and ambassador to Chile in the turbulent 1960s posed this question in an interview recently.

Korry, who says he has been vilified as a perjurer and a taker of bribes, paints himself instead as a seeker after truth. For two years he has devoted himself solely to trying to get at the truth of American actions in Chile and present that truth to the people.

The former ambassador writes in a long article for Penthouse Magazine that his life has been threatened by the extreme right, his reputation shredded by agents of multi-national corporations and the CIA, and his bank account depleted because he believes the electorate should hear the story of what the United States did in, and to, Chile.

In recent weeks, a federal grand jury has recommended that three ITT officials be prosecuted in connection with their testimony on corporate activity in Chile. This story, which broke in the print media in recent weeks, has given heart to Korry.

"WE'RE GETTING there, slowly," Korry said.

Most would-be movers and shakers who have something to say save it and put it in a book. Not so Korry, who for five years after he left government wrote absolutely nothing.

"I only began to answer when I was called a perjurer and a taker of (ITT) bribes," he said. "They play hardball in Washington. I've played hardball too, but this was intolerable."

Korry says the American public is being treated like "a bunch of dumb chicks." In his long article called "The Sell-out of Chile and the American Taxpayer" the names he names read like a "Who's Who" in American government and business.

Korry accuses President Carter of a cover-up because of the president's assertion that the story of Chile still can't be told because he has to safeguard "national security" secrets. Korry's version is that the cover-up is motivated by the desire to protect domestic political interests.

"The tale of the United States in Chile would reveal how our political system has been converted into an insiders' monopoly for the accumulation of power, wealth, and status," Korry said.

"That's why Carter himself had to lie to the public about this case. That's

why he has heeded Nelson Rockefeller, Henry Kissinger, Teddy Kennedy and scores of others who have privately pleaded that he let sleeping principles lie.

Korry is not about to let those principles lie.

"I've burned my bridges," he said. "I'm not going anywhere."

"I HAVE three or four books to write and will spend the rest of my life doing that, but getting to the truth means getting the story out fast enough to affect public opinion," he said.

That's why Korry charted his course by trying first to go to Congress, then to the Justice Department (where a grand jury was empaneled) and then to the "respectable" media before taking to his typewriter and lobbying book publishers.

"What happened in the '60s won't happen again, but that's not the point," he said. "There should be equality of justice and treatment. It's not right to know if you're rich and powerful enough you can quash the truth about things you've done."

"There are two kinds of justice, one for the poor and powerless and one for the powerful. This makes people cynical and people shouldn't lose faith that in our society the people are number one."

Korry says that what is urgent to him is not that people be punished for wrongdoing but the people be held accountable.

"I don't truly care if Richard Helms goes to jail, but he should be made to go through the legal process," Korry said.

"The U.S. did a lot of stupid, bad things in the ten years of the Kennedy-Johnson administrations but we also did superb, good things. Some senators prefer the black eye to telling about the good things."

KORRY thinks the public should know there are "sane, reasonable people in the State Department."

The bottom line for the former ambassador is his staunch belief that "society exists for the individual and not the individual for society."

"This is the one country that shouldn't be afraid of the truth," he said.

BY THE early 1960s he had left a career including positions such as European editor for Look Magazine and became the U.S. ambassador to Ethiopia and by 1967 was ambassador to Chile.



Edward Korry, former ambassador to Chile, confers with President John Kennedy.

Korry's record in the State Department won him several prestigious citations and he was retained in Chile even when Richard Nixon came to power.

While he was ambassador in Santiago, Korry charges that the State Department and the CIA asked him to consider ways of thwarting Socialist Salvador Allende bid for the Chilean presidency. Korry says he refused and his advice was ignored.

He further charges that the U.S. taxpayer was maneuvered into paying some \$92.5 million to subsidize a nationalized telephone company in

Chile run by a U.S. multinational corporation.

Korry claims that his name was on an assassination list for more than a year without his knowledge, putting him and his family in jeopardy while the State Department kept that vital knowledge from him.

"I wrote to Kissinger: 'You and the president... deliberately chose to permit me and my family to run the risk of murder...'" he said.

Korry has sold his home and lives by "trading almost anything... He's an angry man with a mission and whether that's a mission impossible, only time will tell."



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Ryan is Region 12 director of the National Junior College Athletic Association, the governing body of 1,237 two-year colleges in the United States. As region director, he coordinates the athletic activities of 32 colleges in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana.

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