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"Rush to Judgment," Mark
Eme's "brief for the defense" of
Lee Harvey Oswald, should lend
ammunition to the arguments of
the Doubting Thomases who
found the Warren Commission report a whitewash. Keep in mind
though that Lane's documentary
investication at the Carnegie
Hall Cinema is exactly that—a
defense brief, bicsed, as to be expected, in the defendant's favor.
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pected, in the defendant's favor. The witnesses selected for Lane's interviews are those who heard more than one shot that fateful day; those who connected the shots with the area behind the picket fence rather than the Book Depository Building; those who could link Jack Ruby with the Dallas police and the other victim of that day, officer J. D. Tippit.

SOME OF THESE witnesses were never called to testify before the Warren Commission, Lane almost gleefully points out. Much of the testimony of those who did talk to the Commission, Lane indi-cates, seems to have been misinterpreted or even ignored. Lane. concludes that the "only way you

concludes that the "only way you can believe the report is not to have read it."

The deliberately cold, unobtusive style of the film adds further support to Lane's arguments. It is one thing to read written testimony, but quite something else to observe witnesses' facial reactions to questions and hear testimony from their own lips.

THE CAMERA—as they say—never lies, so it is hard not to be-

never lies, so it is hard not to believe these sober-sounding, sober-faced eyewitness accounts. The selected interviews—jast narely

"Rush to Judgment," an Impact Films release. Produced by Emile de Antonio and Mark Lane, and directed by Antonio, based on the book by Lane. Presented at the Carnegie Hall Cinema. Running time: 2 hours, 2 minutes. 2 minutes.

edited-make the arguments for the defense seem more and more reasonable.

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Lane may never officially win the case, but the film should win new skeptics of the Warren report over to his side. As a documentary, the film does not recieve a star rating.

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