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Lane Says DA's Case Iron-Clad

Critic of Warren Report Speaks to YMBC

District Attorney Jim Garrison knows that there was a powerful domestic force which planned and initiated those acts which resulted in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, Mark Lane said here Thursday.

Lane, author of "Rush to Judgment," a current best-seller critical of the Warren Commission's report about the assassination of President Kennedy, has spent many hours with Garrison during the past few days.

"He has presented his case to me detail by detail, incident by incident," Lane stated. "He knows that a force that is a part of the American structure is involved."

Dubbing the Garrison investigation "an iron-clad case," Lane said he believes Garrison knows who fired the shots that killed President Kennedy. "He knows how the plans were initiated," Lane added.

'NO EVIDENCE' LANE

"I can state that no evidence has been discovered that proves that Lee Harvey Oswald shot anyone on November 22, 1963," he continued.

"I can state that no foreign power played any part in planning or executing the assassination."

"And, I can add that anti-Castro Cuban forces played a vital role in the execution of the assassination."

Lane addressed the Young Men's Business Club at a meeting at the Roosevelt Hotel. Following the address he conducted a lengthy question and answer session with the enthusiastic and obviously pro-Garrison audience.

He labeled as "bizarre" a suggestion by Gordon Novel that Garrison be compelled to take a lie detector test.

"When Garrison presents his case to the grand jury, the jury will act as a lie-detector," he said. "The jury is the body that detects lies."

'SAME CONCLUSION'

Lane said his own investigation focused on the events in Dallas but that Garrison has approached the matter from a different point of view.

"Yet, our two investigations, starting at separate points, have reached the same conclusion," he said.

The author lashed out at local and national news media. He said the attacks upon Garrison's investigation have been extreme.

"Henry Wade, Mr. Garrison's Dallas counterpart, has ignored the evidence for three years," Lane continued. "The press has reported that President Johnson will appoint him to the federal bench."

'WILL BE SHAKEN'

"Powerful forces still part of the American scene set in motion the acts which culminated in the President's death," Lane stated. "The very foundations of this country will be shaken when the facts are disclosed in a New Orleans courtroom."

"The American people will, I am confident, recover quickly from the profound shock which will inundate this nation at that time and the shock will turn to righteous indignation which will result in many important and dramatic radical changes."

"There are those, and some in very high places, who will do all in their power to prevent that day from coming," he continued. "But that day will come nevertheless for there is no

force more powerful than an idea whose time has come.

'WILL BE RESTORED'

"The honor of this nation, yet will be restored despite the efforts of the chief justice, of the attorney general, and of the President," Lane added.

He dismissed the book, by

William Manchester, "The Death of a President," as "a gossipy retelling of the Warren Commission case." With the biting wit which filtered throughout his address, Lane said Manchester's book should remain "at the top of the fiction list for a long time."

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