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The regular Friday night S.W.P. Forum was cancelled and everyone was invited to go to the central Methodist Church located at Woodward and Adams to hear a lawyer named Mark Lane give a talk about Lee Harvey Oswald.

The talk was attended by about 250 people. There was several male and female negro's in the crowd.

Mark Lane said that if Oswald was tried at the very beginning before Ruby shot him he would have been acquitted of the killing of Kennedy and he also felt if he had lived and was tried today he would be acquitted. Lane also said that had Oswald lived and been tried he could not have gotten a fair trial any place in the United States as they had him judged guilty before his trial and this was a mockery of our judicial system which says a man is presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond any reasonable doubt by a court of law. Lane then went on to say that he had checked the records and in his opinion Oswald was innocent of killing President Kennedy. He said he checked statements of the doctors who worked trying to save Kennedy and they first stated the fatal shot hit him in the throat and went down. If Oswald shot Kennedy it would have had to be in the back of the neck as the caravan was beyond the depository building. A few days later after the F.B.I. talked to the doctors, they changed their story that the fatal shot entered through the back of the skull. The next falsehood that a taxi driver picked up Oswald and the Dallas Police Dept gave his name which I forget. Lane said upon checking with the taxi company they never had anybody work for them by the name given. Lane then went on to say that the police said it was a german rifle that killed Kennedy but changed it to an italian one like Oswalds. Lane also said he checked with the manufacturer of the rifle and he said the rifle could not have done the job. He also said that the F.B.I. knew all about Oswalds past and he should have been picked up as a security risk. Instead on the day of the killing the F.B.I. was busy following and harassing the people in Dallas who believed in school intergration. Lane said it was also proved that the chicken bones found up on the sixth floor were two days old and not as the police first said he ate the chicken while waiting to kill the president. The police said when Oswald was picked up in the



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show he was terribly nervous and that he tried to kill a policeman with a pistol he had but it misfired and the firing pin left a mark on the bullet. After bullestatics checked the bullet and found it didn't have any marks on it the police chief didn't refute his statement but said so it had no marks on it and passed it off. As to Oswald being so nervous in the show this was also a falsehood and he explained why. He said after the shooting a policeman ran into the bldg and while Oswald was drinking a pop put his gun in his ribs and Oswald's boss said that he told the policeman that Oswald worked for him and that Oswald was not nervous at the time but was extremely calm. Lane also said that after the first shot which one police officer thought came from up a hill and from a different direction the police officer chased two people but nothing more was said about it. Lane also implied that there seemed to be a conspiracy between the Dallas Police and Jack Ruby to do away with Oswald. Lane said because of the importance of the case extreme care should have been taken for Oswald's safety instead of putting him on display for anyone to kill him. Lane said he was going to go around the country informing people of what had happened and not what they had read in the papers after everything was brain washed and then put in the paper.



Those recognized at talk.

Frank Lovell

Sarah Rosenshine & husband

Lamar Barron (negro)

Harriet Tallan

Evelyn Sell's son *X Sell, Jr.*

Paul Lodico

Emil Brazzi

Marlyn Ludwig

Robert Fink

Carl Streck

John Austin

Richard David (negro)