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Lane Called 'Propagandist'

Ochsner, Butler Hit at Probe Comments

Officials of the New Orleans-based Information Council of the Americas (INCA) Wednesday labeled author-lawyer Mark Lane "a professional propagandist..."

A statement by Dr. Alton Ochsner, INCA president, and Ed Butler, INCA executive director, rapped Lane for public utterances in New Orleans last week.

The statement by INCA said that "unless powerful new evidence is presented, the present judgment of guilt stands," referring to findings of the Warren Commission that Lee Harvey Oswald was the lone assassin of President John F. Kennedy.

INCA cited two statements, among others, by Lane: one that he could say no foreign power played any part in planning or executing the assassina-

tion, and the other, that anti-Castro Cubans played a vital role in the execution of the assassination.

District Attorney Jim Garrison, who says there was a conspiracy to murder Kennedy, has made the same statements. However, Butler would make no comments regarding Garrison's probe because of guidelines established concerning the case.

Concerning Lane's assertion that anti-Castro Cubans were involved, the INCA statement said: "Lane conveniently makes no attempt to document this incredible charge. The influence of Fidel Castro's violent brand of communism upon Oswald was clear and unmistakable to anyone who discussed politics with the assassin."

The statement also said:

"The anti-Communist Cubans, many of whom cannot properly defend themselves in English, are being made scapegoats for the most twisted kind of illogical

accusations and rumor. The temper of the times in New Orleans is getting dangerously close to that of the Crystalnight in Germany, when the massacre of Jews began."

Asserting that Lane "duped" New Orleans and that "it is also essential that no more cities and their citizens be duped," INCA announced it is setting up a division for information on the assassination.

"It will provide educational information to the press and general public regarding these vital internal security matters, and those individuals who are commenting so carelessly about them," the statement said.

Dr. Ochsner, in answer to a question, said a check of records indicated that Jack Ruby never was a patient at Ochsner Foundation Hospital. He said a check was made for a Jack Ruby as well as all the aliases Ruby was known to use.

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