

OSWALD'S MOTHER DETAILING HIS LIFE

She Also Tells Panel of Her
Relationship With Him

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 11—Mrs. Marguerite Oswald still has two "stories" to tell the Presidential commission investigating the assassination of President Kennedy.

They are, Chief Justice Earl Warren said late today, "the life of Lee Oswald from the time he was born to 16 years of age and, secondly, her own life."

That was what the mother of the accused killer of President Kennedy told the commission, he said, as the panel ended its second day of listening to her.

Her story so far, he said, has covered the life of Oswald from the age of 16 through the assassination and her own relationship to her son during that period.

Commission members indicated again, as they had yesterday, that her testimony was virtually a nonstop recital, interrupted only occasionally by a question from J. Lee Rankin of New York. He is special counsel to the commission, which is headed by the Chief Justice.

Commission members declined comment on Mrs. Oswald's testimony. Mr. Warren would say only that some of it was relevant and that the panel had set no limitation on the 56-year-old mother.

Her session with the commission today was marked by the exclusion of Mark Lane, New York lawyer and former New York Assemblyman, from the hearing after Mrs. Oswald had told the body that she wished to be represented for the present by her appointed local counsel, John F. Doyle.

Mr. Lane, who said he doubted the validity of "evidence" that alleges Oswald shot Mr. Kennedy, sought to represent the accused assassin. However, Chief Justice Warren told newsmen that "the commission is not prosecuting Lee Oswald, and Mr. Lane does not represent even the legal representative of Lee Oswald, his widow [Mrs. Marina Oswald]."

The elder Mrs. Oswald has said she retained Mr. Lane as counsel for her son without fee.

To Appear Here

Mr. Lane flew in from Los Angeles, where he had a speaking engagement, and said he would fly back late today for another speaking date.

He disclosed that he would appear on Feb. 17 "with Mrs. [Marguerite] Oswald" at Town Hall in New York. The meeting, he said, is being sponsored by The National Guardian, which describes itself as a "progressive newsweekly." The National

Guardian has sponsored other meetings at which he has discussed the assassination.

Mr. Lane told newsmen today that Mrs. Marina Oswald's testimony before the commission last week was "a classic example of brainwashing accomplished by the Secret Service and F.B.I."

He said he had given Mrs. Marguerite Oswald two written questions to place before the commission and to answer. Mr. Warren declined to comment on the questions.

One of the questions, Mr. Lane said, dealt with what the widow had told the mother on the evening of Nov. 22, the day Mr. Kennedy was killed. He said that when Mrs. Marina Oswald was questioned by the Dallas police, she emerged to tell her mother-in-law that the police had asked her whether her husband owned a gun.

"Mama, I told them the truth," Mr. Lane quoted the widow as having said. "I told them yes."

He said she then related that the police had shown her a gun and asked if it belonged to Oswald.

"Mama, I told them I don't think so because it does not look like the gun," he quoted the widow as having said.

Sees Testimony Weakened

The widow's "testimony tends to weaken the only valid testimony" she gave to the commission, he said, namely, that she had identified the gun shown to her by the commission as the one Oswald had kept in their home in Irving, a Dallas suburb.

Mrs. Oswald identified the gun for the commission last week. It was the Italian-made rifle found on the sixth floor of the Texas Book Depository in Dallas, where Oswald had worked.

The other question, he said, dealt with the "nature of the confinement" of the widow, the mother and the two small Oswald children after Oswald had

been shot by Jack Ruby, Dallas night-club operator.

He said the Oswald family had not been given any protection by the Secret Service and Federal Bureau of Investigation until after Oswald had been shot. Then they were taken to a motel.

He said that on the evening of Nov. 27 the mother sought to leave the motel but the Secret Service men returned her to a hotel room.

"There is no evidence of any substance that he [Oswald] killed the President," Mr. Lane said, although disclaiming any intention of saying Oswald was innocent.

His main purpose in the case, he said, is to "determine the truth and tell the American people."

Mr. Lane also went over points he had made in a brief given the commission. These covered doubts that paraffin tests on Oswald's hands and face showed he had fired a gun shortly before he was arrested; that the President had been shot from behind, and that finger and palm prints found on the rifle were Oswald's.

He said that for all anyone knows the prints belong to Capt. Will Fritz, head of the Dallas homicide department. He said he had a copy of an affidavit by a Dallas policeman that he saw Captain Fritz "pick up the rifle and pull back the bolt and eject a cartridge." The prints, he said, were taken from the bolt.

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