

Warren Tells Lane He's Hurting Probe

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WASHINGTON—An irred Chief Justice Earl Warren Thursday told New York attorney Mark Lane that he was handicapping the Warren Commission "greatly" by making speeches in Europe then refusing to verify his assertions about the assassination of President Kennedy.

Lane has been traveling America and Europe, saying that he has evidence which questions whether Lee Harvey Oswald assassinated President Kennedy.

He testified before the Warren Commission in March and promised to give that panel additional information to verify statements he was making.

During the following weeks, the commission tried to get Lane to pass the information on, but he did not. Then just as the commission was preparing a subpoena for Lane, the New Yorker left on a speaking trip to Europe.

The basis for contention between the commission and Lane involves two things Lane has been saying and which he told the commission in the partly-open, partly-closed March session.

One is testimony Lane said he has on a tape recorder from Mrs. Helen Markham in Dallas. Just what that recording says was not clear, since Lane refused to answer detailed questions about it, telling the commission only parts of it.

He said he could not divulge all of it because of his lawyer-client relationship. He claimed he took the tape in doing an investigation for Mrs. Marguerite Oswald, mother of Lee Harvey Oswald.

It was at this point that Warren began to show his ire.

He told Lane that the commis-

sion had paid Lane's way back from Europe and that "we are trying to get information in these things that you consider vital."

Warren, visibly restraining himself in the open session Thursday, then told Lane that "you handicap us greatly because of the things you say when you are away, then refuse to tell us."

Warren also asked Lane if he was being paid for the speeches. Lane said that at three or four meetings money had been taken but it went to the Citizens Committee of Inquiry and for a secretary. Lane said he was chairman of the committee and named Sterling Hayden, an actor, and Jessica Mitford, an author, as members among others.

Warren, who during the March session let Lane have his say, told Lane he was not cooperating with the commission by refusing to give it information.

And specifically in the case of Mrs. Markham, Warren said that the Dallas woman had contradicted Lane's testimony about what she told Lane.

In addition, Lane in March had talked of a meeting in Jack Ruby's club in downtown Dallas but continued Thursday to refuse to say who his informant is.

At one point in the discussion about Mrs. Markham, Warren flatly told Lane that: "Until you give us corroboration of what you say you have, then we have every reason to doubt the truthfulness of what you have told us."