

Lane and Law prof debate Warren Report

UCLA Law Prof. Wesley J. Liebler, who served as an assistant counsel to the Warren Commission, will confront Commission critic Mark Lane during today's Associated Students Speakers Program discussion period.

The discussion, scheduled from 1-2 p.m. in the Student Union Men's Lounge, will follow Lane's noon speech in the Student Union Grand Ballroom.

Lane, author of best-seller "Rush to Judgment: A Critique of the Warren Commission's Inquiry into the Murders of President John F. Kennedy," Officer J. D. Tippitt and Lee Harvey Oswald," spent two years studying the Commission's Report and interviewing witnesses from Maine to Dallas.

Liebler contends that Lane's book is "dishonest and incomplete." During a taped television interview and again to Daily Bruin reporters, Liebler pointed to examples within Lane's book where witnesses' statements are reported out of context or incompletely according to materials recorded in the Warren Report.

Lane, a lawyer for 15 years, was elected on the Democratic ticket to the New York state legislature with Kennedy's endorsement in 1960. After a two-year term he returned to his law practice.

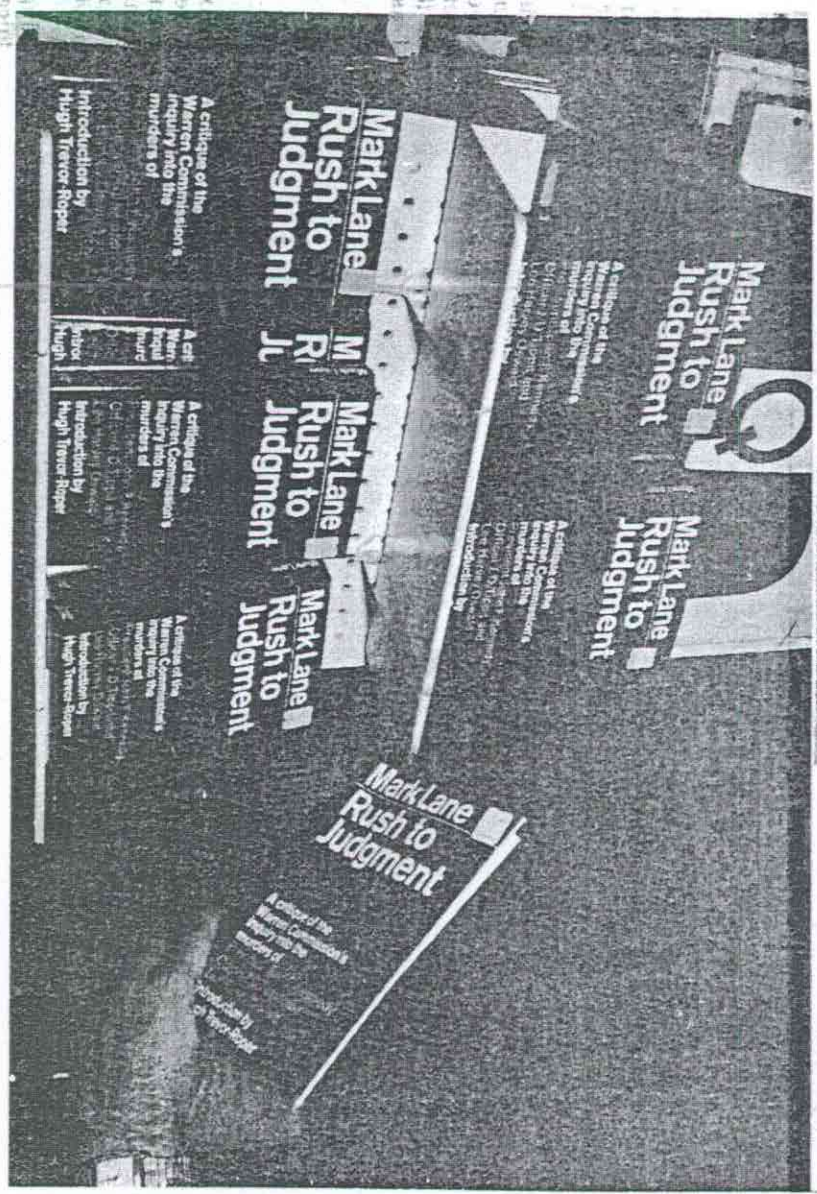
Liebler served as one of 14 lawyers working under the direction of J. Lee Rankin, counsel to the Warren Commission, investigating, interviewing and compiling materials for the Report.

Lane is one of several critics of the Commission's work. According to Liebler, the paperback version of the Report is all but useless to readers wishing to analyze the validity of such criticisms, because the smaller book does not include the footnote references to the 26 volumes of research materials handed by the Commission.

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Liebler is familiar with the full Report, but spent most of his nine-month research period examining Lee Harvey Oswald's contacts and personal relationships within the United States.

Other related phases of the Report dealt with Oswald's contacts in Russia and Mexico and with the possibility of conspiracy in the assassination.



COMMISSION CRITIC - "Rush to Judgment" by Mark Lane contends that the Warren Commission report was done in haste. Lane will be confronted by UCLA Law Prof. Wesley J. Liebler, a commission staff member, during the discussion period following Lane's presentation at noon today in the Student Union Grand Ballroom.

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