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Mark Lane

The Warren Commission Report on the assassination of President John F. Kennedy attempted in 27 volumes to document one of this nation's most tragic events of the century.

Since its publication — and even before — the Report and its method of compilation have come under often articulate, usually emotional attack.

One of the most outspoken critics of the Report has been New York lawyer Mark Lane. Mr. Lane appears in the Student Union Grand Ballroom at noon today as the first speaker in the Associated Students Speakers Program. His appearance closely follows the publication of his extensive study of the Commission's evidence in book form.

Lane's study, "Rush to Judgement: A Critique of the Warren Commission's Inquiry into the murders of President John F. Kennedy, Officer J.D. Tippitt and Lee Harvey Oswald" is in the top five of all best-selling non-fiction lists in the country, and will be the basis of his address.

One of the Warren Commission's assistant counsels, Wesley J. Liebler, is on the faculty of the UCLA law school. Of Lane's book Liebler has said, "One can go further than to say it's not objective, but that he distorts and deletes evidence."

In seeking "forthright and honest" criticism of the Commission's Report, Liebler will question Lane during the coffee hour following the noon speech. Specifically Liebler will question the principles and purposes of Lane's report.

These men characterize two sides of a significant controversy and should be heard by all who claim to have felt the loss of the President.