

EL/ Coffee hour sparks fly over investigation

Warren Report contested, defended

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A heated exchange of ideas between Warren Commission critic Mark Lane and Wesley Liebeler, UCLA law professor, launched this year's Associated Students Speaker's Program Friday.

Due to a misunderstanding between participants in the Speaker's Program and the Daily Bruin, the headline for the article announcing the coffee hour following Lane's formal presentation in Student Union Grand Ballroom gave the false impression that a formal debate would be held between Lane and Liebeler, one of the 14 assistant counsels on the Warren Commission.

According to Art Levine, chairman of the Speaker's Program, Liebeler was told that the coffee hour would present an opportunity for students to question Lane. However, due to Liebeler's exceptional interest in the subject, he was to ask the first question, Levine added. Lane was to reply to the question; the rest of the session would be for student inquiries.

Challenge starts discussion

Under the assumption that there would be a debate, Liebeler proceeded to challenge Lane on some of the points Lane had made during his earlier speech. Liebeler told Lane that there were only two Warren Commission documents not publicly available in the National Archives and these involved personal information on the witnesses to the presidential assassination, and also contained the identity of some confidential informants.

Lane surprised by Liebeler's expectations of debate, stated that he was invited to speak on campus. He noted that an acceptance to speak didn't infer that he would debate, but imme-

diately added that he would agree to a debate with Liebeler later in the following week.

In reply to Liebeler's comments on the Warren Commission documents in the Archives, Lane said that three and half months ago, when he was at the Archives, 575 of the documents were classified, the minutes of the Commission's meetings were not available and parts of Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy's testimony had been deleted from public records.

Photographic dispute

The two men then rapidly exchanged allegations regarding an altered photograph presented to Marina Oswald, wife of the accused presidential assassin, which she had submitted to the Warren Commission.

The dispute centered around the fact that the Warren Commission could not find the perpetrator of the alteration and that Lane claimed the photo was originally presented to Mrs. Oswald without the alteration. He charged that the alteration occurred only after the picture had been given to the Warren Commission by Mrs. Oswald.



CONFRONTATION — Author and Lawyer Mark Lane (right) and UCLA Law Prof. Wesley Liebeler (seated, left) met head on following Lane's speech Friday.

Serious points of contention about the Warren Report were aired by both.