

Mark Lane draws big crowds

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LOS ANGELES — The impressive public response to the week-long visit of Mark Lane to the West Coast, which concluded last Saturday, demonstrated, among other things, the great public curiosity and interest in the full story of what transpired in Dallas last year when President Kennedy was assassinated.

Lane, chairman of the Citizens' Committee of Inquiry, came to Los Angeles on Nov. 27 to challenge the Warren Commission Report, and before he left this city many tens of thousands heard his analysis and contentions.

Included in his schedule of appearances were three televi-

sion shows. He was seen and heard on the Saturday night Joe Pyne show on Channel 11, interviewed by three newscasters on Bill Brown's half hour interview show on Channel 4 (NBC) and participated in a panel discussion on the Warren Report on KCET, Channel 28, with Los Angeles attorney Edward Mosk and Hugh Trevor-Roper, well known British historian.

His first radio show over KGBS was so provocative he was invited to return for an additional half hour later in the week, which he did. One night he was on radio station KNX night time program "Megalopolis at Night" for a two

hour period, and he was heard on three separate occasions on KPFK-FM. He was interviewed upon arriving in the city. Also his complete Beverly Hills High School symposium (reported elsewhere in this issue) was broadcast. Lane's reaction to the discussion at the school was also broadcast by the FM station.

On the campuses large crowds turned out to hear him. More than 1,000 filled the Student Union auditorium at the University of California at Los Angeles to hear him; he received a standing ovation from 800 students at the University of California at Santa Barbara and spoke before 700 Pitzer College students at Claremont.

3,000 flock to Warren report

LOS ANGELES — A vast public curiosity, tinged with skepticism, still exist concerning the circumstances of the assassination of President Kennedy in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963.

If this fact needed confirmation, it received it here last week when the chief critic of the Warren Commission report on the assassination came to join with a trio of attorneys— one of whom participated in the Warren Commission probe in a public symposium on the subject.

A capacity crowd of 2,000

persons jammed the Beverly Hills High School auditorium on Friday night, Dec. 4, and an estimated 1,000 additional persons were turned away.

Mark Lane, chairman of what he calls the Citizens Committee of Inquiry, argued about the Warren Commission report with Joseph H. Ball, one of the commission's attorneys: Herman F. Selvin, former president of the Los Angeles Bar Assn., and A. L. Wirin, nationally known civil liberties lawyer.

It was a no-decision affair.

Lane attempted to sustain his contention that the Warren Commission report is "a fraud from the first to the last." He reiterated his charge that evidence pointing to someone other than Lee Harvey Oswald as the killer was suppressed or ignored by the Warren probers. The others, led by Ball, tried to disparage the contentions of the New York lawyer and former state legislator.

Selvin and Wirin emphasized the report's "bias" and "omission to acknowledge the high pressure and character of the assassination as a Leftist act because of some of Oswald's professed beliefs."

Lane conceded at a press conference during his stay here that much of the financial support for his Citizens Committee of Inquiry comes from the ultra-Right, which is interested in discrediting the Chief Justice.

The debate was sponsored by Discussions Unlimited. Similar interest in Lane's theories were manifest during other appearances in Southern California.