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LANE CHARGES WARREN REPORT A FRAUD
WILL CONFRONT WARREN COMMISSION LAWYER IN L.A. FRIDAY EVENING

Former New York Assemblyman Mark Lane, who testified twice before the Warren Commission, charged today that "the recently released 26 volumes of testimony and evidence prove that the Warren Commission Report in no way reflects the testimony taken by the Commission."

Lane who will be cross-examined by three Los Angeles attorneys at a public meeting at Beverly Hills High School Auditorium, Friday evening, December 4th, at 8:00, charged that "The Commission Report is filled with distortions, statements taken out of context, and is in summation, a fraud.

Lane, who has lectured throughout the United States and Europe, will be cross-examined by an attorney for the Warren Commission. Joining Joseph A. Ball, counsel for the Commission, in opposition to Lane will be Herman F. Selvin, former president of the L.A. County Bar Association and A.L. Wirin, constitutional attorney. Nathan Schoichet, prominent L.A. attorney will be the moderator.

Tickets for the meeting will be available at the Beverly Hills High School Auditorium beginning at 7:00 p.m. The meeting is being sponsored by Discussion Unlimited.

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WARREN COMMISSION LAWYER CALLS STAR WITNESS "SCREWBALL"

In a debate Friday night, Joseph A. Ball, counsel for the Warren Commission, described the Commission's sole identifying witness to the shooting of police officer J.D. Tippitt as "an utter screwball".

After an audience of 2000 heard Mark Lane read portions of Helen Louise Markham's testimony at Beverly Hills High School auditorium, Ball conceded that he personally questioned Mrs. Markham, the only witness who stated that she saw Oswald shoot Tippitt, and that he considered her to be "an utter screwball".

Lane pointed out, however, that based upon Ball's interrogation of Mrs. Markham, the Commission concluded that her testimony was "reliable" (p. 168 of the Report). Oswald was arrested in connection with the murder of Tippitt and was subsequently charged with the murder of President Kennedy as well.

Lane, who heads the Citizens' Committee of Inquiry, an organization conducting an independent investigation into the events surrounding the assassination, heralded Ball's remarks as the first crack in the myth perpetrated by the Warren Commission. "The passage of time," he stated, "will show that the Commission findings will rank along with that of the French government's original conclusions that Dreyfus was a traitor."

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