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Warren Report's Critics to Appear on TV Program

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Five critics of the Warren Commission Report on the assassination of President Kennedy will participate in a three-hour discussion on Channel 5 at 9 P.M. Saturday, Nov. 12.

The program, entitled "A Re-examination of the Warren Commission Findings: A Minority Report," will bring together five authors who have criticized various aspects of the commission's findings issued in September, 1964. A major conclusion of the commission's report was that Lee Harvey Oswald alone was responsible for the assassination of President Kennedy in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963.

Participating will be Mark Lane, lawyer and author of "Rush to Judgment"; Leo Savage, American correspondent for the French newspaper Le Figaro and author of "The Oswald Affair: An Examination of the Contradictions and Omissions of the Warren Report"; Harold Weisberg, author of "Whitewash: The Report on the Warren Report"; Penn Jones, editor of The Midlothian Mirror, a Texas newspaper, and author of "Forgive My Grief," and

Jacob Cohen, author of "The Missing Documents," an article on the Warren Report which appeared in The Nation.

Jim Bishop, the author and columnist, who is working on a book he will call "The Day Kennedy Was Shot," will be the moderator.

Ford Aid to Cultural TV

The Ford Foundation announced yesterday that it was donating \$16-million for the support of noncommercial television.

The philanthropic organization will devote \$10-million to a continuance through 1968 of a series of matching grants began last year for community-supported television stations, including WNBT (Channel 13) here. The other \$6-million will be the foundation's annual contribution to the National Educational Network for its informational, educational and cultural programs, which go to 112 noncommercial stations around the country.

The 27 stations participating in the matching-grants program receive up to \$500,000 a year each. The actual grant

depends on the amount of money raised by the station during the previous calendar year from contributory sources. Channel 13 will get the maximum amount again this year.

The Ford Foundation has been exploring the possibility of a live news network of four East Coast educational stations.

The foundation, through Fred W. Friendly, former president of news for Columbia Broadcasting System, now a Ford consultant, has been talking with the managers of Channel 13 here, WGBH in Boston, WHYY in Philadelphia and WETA in Washington, about the practicality of such an experimental network.

Still to be decided are whether the news programs should be televised for one hour each night or only once a week, whether more stations should participate, and how best to organize and staff the network news operation.

Such a network would require much more money than is now available. Presumably that would be provided by the foundation.

'Dragnet' Coming Back

The National Broadcasting Company has commissioned the television division of Universal Pictures to prepare 13 new half-hour segments of "Dragnet," the popular cops-and-robbers series of a few seasons back, for 1967-68.

Jack Webb, star of the original series, which ran on radio and television from 1949 to 1959, will produce and direct the new series, and will again appear as Sgt. Joe Friday. He will be without his old sidekick, Officer Frank Smith, however. Smith was played by Ben Alexander, who is currently appearing in "Felony Squad," a police series on the American Broadcasting Company. Supporting Mr. Webb will be Harry Morgan, who will appear as Officer Bill Gannon.

Although the program is scheduled for next year, an N.B.C. spokesman said yesterday that "Dragnet" might be used as a mid-season replacement this year, if one or more of the network's new shows were dropped. There have been reports that "The Roger Miller Show" on Monday nights may be canceled.