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Capitol &

Lane Seeks to Make Mark

By RUTLEDGE CARTER

Mark Lane, who didn't win any popularity contests in Albany as an assemblyman in 1961-62, will make two bids to capture national audiences this summer.

Next month, his book, "Rush to Judgment," which questions findings of the Warren Commission report on the assassination of President Kennedy, will be published, followed in mid-September by the premiere of a film of the same title, produced by Emile deAntonio.

Mr. Lane twice appeared before the Warren Commission, once as a witness and as an attorney representing the interests of Lee Harvey Oswald, branded as the assassin by the commission.

Mr. Lane, an ultra-liberal Manhattan Democrat, was rapped by the Assembly Ethic Committee for giving "wide publicity to a most serious charge against a public official without a shred of credible evidence to sustain it," after he had accused former Assembly Speaker Joseph F. Carlino of profiting from fallout legislation in 1961.

While the committee was clearing Mr. Carlino, Mr. Lane was getting the cold shoulder, even from Democratic legislators, one of whom charged Mr. Lane with seeking publicity for a race for the House — in which he was defeated.

"The Lonesomest Man in the Capitol," legislators named Mr. Lane during the investigation,



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HOWARD SAMUELS

when one assemblyman noted:

"We don't need to censure Carlino, but a motion to censure Lane would pass this house unanimously, or at least 149-1."

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HOWARD J. SAMUELS, the Canandaigua millionaire, has sought the advice of a millionaire who once lived in Albany in his campaign to convince state Democrats that he is the man to wrest the Executive Mansion from Governor Rockefeller.

He conferred last week with Milton J. Shapp, who lived in Albany during World War II while studying radar at the General Electric Co in Schenectady, and whose first cousin is

Campus

with Oswald

Book, Film

Mrs. Raymond Harris, wife of the Albany physician.

They talked in the Philadelphia office of Mr. Shapp, who in May became the first Democrat in 45 years to upset the state's Democratic organization, when he won the party's nomination for governor.

Mr. Samuels hopes there is a portent in Mr. Shapp's success, although he will not be able to emulate his methods. Pennsylvania has a primary election, while Mr. Samuels is at the mercy of the party bosses in the state convention.

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BOYS WILL BE BOYS— Assembly Speaker Anthony J. Travia's proposal that the proposed Legislative Office Building in the South Mall be named for Oswald D. Heck, the Schenectady Republican who was Assembly speaker for an unprecedented 23 years, passed the Assembly.

Governor Rockefeller and Senate Majority Leader Earl W. Brydges demurred and countered with a bill to finance \$100,000 chair at Union College, to be named for Speaker Heck.

In a display of legislative reciprocity, the Travia bill died in the Senate Finance Committee, the Rockefeller - Brydges bill in the Assembly Rules Committee.

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4 PERCENTER— A suggestion to simplify motor boat registrations which will save the state \$5,000 a year has earned a \$200 award from the State

Civil Service Department for Sydney Forster of 33 McClellan Street, Schenectady, a Conservation Department clerk.

Other recent awards for money - saving suggestions include \$50 to Mrs. Rose Labuda of Climax, a public information specialist in the Albany office of the Department of Agriculture and Markets; \$50 to Edward Powers, 58 Sylvan Avenue, Latham, senior clerk in the De-

partment of Motor Vehicles, and \$40 to Mrs. Madelyn Rickes, 3 Irving Street, a senior clerk in Agriculture and Markets.

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TWO DROUGHTS ENDED

In nearby Delaware County, the previously dry Towns of Delhi and Walton have voted to permit sales of alcoholic beverages and the Town of Prattsburgh has voted to remain "wet," according to the Alcohol Beverage Control Division, which reports four other dry towns remained dry in local option elections last year.

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EXTENSION— Tests for beginning office workers, conducted Mondays and Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of Building 3 at the State Office Building Campus have been extended through Aug. 22.

The examinations, for which applications are not required, will locate clerks at \$3,635-\$4,755 for positions in Albany, Rensselaer, Schenectady and Saratoga Counties.

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SAM D. FREEMAN has been elected president of the Albany

District Chapter of the Public Personnel Association, which also elected: Vice president, Norma L. Kunofsky; treasurer, Richard P. Canuteson; secretary, Eugenia G. McLaughlin; directors, John R. Allen, Irving Handler and Charles G. Wolz.

Mr. Freeman is chief recruitment representative in the State Civil Service Department.

The officers were nominated by a committee including James M. Gallagher, administrative

officer of the Public Service Commission; Richard J. Higgins, Office of General Services, and Arthur P. Hilt, Office for Local Government.

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DONALD F. LANG, who retired as lieutenant colonel and executive assistant to State Police Superintendent Arthur Cornelius Jr., is opening a Latham office as National Safety Council director for the New York - Vermont District.

HIGHER RETAINERS— The State Civil Service Commission has reorganized the state's program for young lawyers, providing higher wages to compete for attorneys with private industry. The schedule provides \$7,000 a year for trainees who have not been admitted to the bar, \$7,500 for trainees who have been admitted and \$8,300 as attorneys, Grade 18, after training is completed.