

Rush to Judgment

A Rebuttal to the Report By the Warren Panel

RUSH TO JUDGEMENT by Mark Lane: A critique of the Warren Commission's inquiry into the murders of President John F. Kennedy, Officer J. D. Tippit and Lee Harvey Oswald, Holt, Rinehart & Winston, 478 pages, \$5.95.

When the Warren Report was first issued, most authorities accepted its findings as correct. Most of those who studied it agreed with its principal points—that there was one assassin of President Kennedy who worked alone and that this assassin was Lee Harvey Oswald.

Some of those who supported the Warren Report went so far as to say that only stubborn people — one prominent lawyer suggested “only neurotics” — would refuse to believe the august panel.

NEVERTHELESS, more and more people, including many lawyers, are expressing skept-

ical views of the results of the Warren Commission which came up with its conclusions within a remarkably brief period.

Among these doubters is Mark Lane who was hired by Mrs. Marguerite Oswald, mother of Lee Harvey Oswald, after she had read some of his comments on the tragedy in which a police department was able to protect neither the President of the United States nor the man accused of killing him.

LANE raises some interesting questions. He is curious about the matter in which the Dallas police quickly pounced on Oswald after the murder of President Kennedy, since the “description” of Oswald came from a man named Howard Brennan who claimed that he saw the accused man through the sixth floor window of the Dallas Book Depository, but later on could not identify Oswald in a police line-up.

AND IT GOES on and on. Lane points to a great deal of evidence that was not included in the Warren Report. He points to conflicts in testimony and confusion of statement such as the difference of opinion among

doctors as to whether the President was shot from the front or rear. Lane's book is not the first one disputing the findings of the Warren Commission, nor will it be the last. But books like this that ask questions and point out inconsistencies will do much to giving us the final truth in the great tragedy. — E.C.F.

