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Ghosts of Kennedy Killing Still Stalk in Book Pages

New York, Aug. 13 (AP)—To many persons, the assassination of President John F. Kennedy still remains an absorbing mystery, an incredibly complex (and potentially lucrative) detective story in which the last chapter is yet to be written.

The ghost walks despite the fact that the commission headed by Chief Justice Earl Warren investigated the case for 10 months, examined mountains of subjective and objective evidence, and then issued a report containing these principal conclusions:

Oswald Accused

1. Lee Harvey Oswald fired the rifle that killed Kennedy and wounded Texas Governor John B. Connally, shooting from a window position behind the car in which they were riding.

2. Oswald acted alone from motives unknown; no foreign or domestic conspiracy brought about the assassination.

3. Oswald was not acquainted with Jack Ruby, the Dallas nightclub operator who shot him to death two days later outside the Dallas police and courts building.

The Warren commission issued its report Sept. 24, 1964, officially closing the case.

Since then, however, doubts have been expressed by lawyers, writers, and at least one historian. Books challenging the commission's over-all conclusions and questioning the subsidiary findings on which they were based regularly come off the presses. The latest, "Rush to Judgment," by Attorney Mark Lane, is to be issued Aug. 15.

Lane says he became involved in the case in response

to a request from Mrs. Marguerite Oswald, who said to him in December, 1963, "Will you be my son's lawyer before the Warren commission?"

His Interviews

Lane writes that he interviewed numerous persons who, in his judgment, had important information about the assassination but were not called to testify before the commission.

Why? He states the core of his contention in the words, "I believe that the report of the President's commission is less a report than a brief for the prosecution. Oswald was the accused; the evidence against him was magnified, while that in his favor was depreciated, misrepresented, or ignored."

Elsewhere, Lane contends that the Warren report was designed mainly to be a kind of tranquilizer for the nation, to assure millions of Americans that no conspiracy accounted for Kennedy's assassination. He wrote, "And such an effort could be successful only if the commission found that the lone assassin had been apprehended. A finding indicating that unknown assassins were still at large would have offered little assurance."