

Knights With Warren

Bickel...Muggeridge...Sparrow...Roche--  
No Clarence Darrow there, by gosh,  
To pit against Mark Lane  
Only a Sparrow-brain,  
An ancient bundle-from-Britain,  
An Ivy legal-eagle, and  
A white house Eminence  
To prop up Warren's bench.

Muggeridge...Bickel...Roche...and Sparrow--  
Breathes there a don with mind more narrow,  
To truth more fickle?  
Professor Alex Bickel, to be sure,  
Holds the key and has the cure:

The illustrious Commission  
Pure and Good of Hart  
Remains above suspicion  
While parties of the second part,  
The critics, are a mongrel pack  
Nouveau-Roche and luster-lack--

Place those fusspots on the rack!

Thus do the apologists  
Dispose of "Demonologists"  
But bravely though they whistle,  
And bestow their benediction  
The lone assassin and the single missile  
Still take the prize for Science Fiction.