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TV: The Warren Report

Nizer and 2 Commission Aides Rebut Lane's Theory of a Conspiracy

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STATION WNEW-TV gave supporters of the Warren Commission report on the assassination of President Kennedy an opportunity last night to respond to last November's program devoted almost totally to the critics of the report. The procedure achieved a measure of balance, but suffered as a result of the interval of several months between the presenta-

tion, and Alfreda Scobey, staff member, said that from now on the supporters of the Warren Commission report intended to answer critics. Mr. Lane, for his part, promised that he would continue to speak both in the United States and abroad.

After last night's session the burden rather clearly rested on Mr. Lane to produce sturdier evidence of the theory he presented on Channel 5. Mr. Nizer and his colleagues stressed the affirmative aspects of the report while Mr. Lane dwelled essentially on the negative.

Possibly one of the networks could now do a dispassionate summary of the controversy and get away from the device of panels of defenders and attackers. The responsible journalistic media might well bring the subject into calm and clear focus point by point and avoid the overtones of strong emotion-ism that are now tainting the dialogue.

Louis Nizer, speaking for the supporters of the report, accused Mark Lane, author of "Rush to Judgment," of dwelling on trivia to buttress his argument that bullets from two different directions killed the President, which would mean the existence of a conspiracy. Mr. Lane reiterated his argument that the commission had failed to pursue leads that might have upset its conclusions.

Mr. Nizer, who appeared with Albert E. Jenner Jr., assistant counsel to the com-