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Novel, Author Mark Lane Tangle In Confrontation Here

Gordon Novel, wanted as a material witness in the New Orleans investigation of the Kennedy assassination, Sunday called author Mark Lane a Leftist.

"He is so far to the left, one more step and he'll fall off the diving board into a pool of Red water," said Novel when asked by news- men for an assessment of the "Rush To Judgment" author.

NOVEL'S Columbus, at the former, Jerry Weiner, said the New Orleans night-club operator accused Lane of being a Leftist in 17 ques- tions handed to the author during an hour-long con- frontation in his office.

Lane met with newsmen after the confrontation be- tween the two critics of Ken- nedy assassination investiga- tions.

NOVEL HAS termed the new Orleans probe by Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison a "which hunt" and Lane attacked the Warren Commission report in his book.

The confrontation between Novel and Lane was in Wein- er's private office. The only witnesses were the attorney and Dayton Daily News re- porter Robert Endicott.

LANE walked out of of- fice when Novel handed him the questions, Weiner said. The meeting was arranged by Endicott at the request of Lane.

The questions were in the form of a proposed de- tector test for Lane, Novel said. Weiner said they were pre- pared without his knowledge.

Lane, attacked a lie detec- tor test taken by Novel at McClean, Va., as being "a rigged test" at his news con- ference. It was held immedi- ately after the meeting in order to give the author time to make a speech at Denison University, Granville.

LANE SAID Novel "ped- dled on questions" he an- swered during the test and that

he "wasn't telling very much."

"Novel has a responsibility to go to New Orleans and testify," said Lane. "It would help clear this up. Garrison has information which leads him to believe that Novel is involved."

Novel said he intended to return to New Orleans "in the near future."

"I would like the whole in- cident to be over by the time I return to New Orleans. There's going to be a big up- roar here."

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