

A Cuban Exile Leader Answers Mark Lane, James Garrison and Fidel Castro

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Cuban Criticizes Writer on Kennedy Assassination

Exile Speaks on Lane's Book at Tulane

A Cuban exile leader strongly suggested Thursday night that author Mark Lane cited only witnesses who reinforced his theory on the Kennedy assassination when writing his book and neglected to cite others who might have refuted his findings.

Dr. Carlos Bringuier, head of the New Orleans Delegation of the Cuban Student Directorate, spoke at the University Center at Tulane University. Dr. Bringuier had demanded equal time to refute statements made by Lane who spoke at McAlister Auditorium on the Tulane campus on Dec. 7.

The 33-year-old Havana native, who fled Cuba in 1960, charged that the Warren Commission report "shows that 99 per cent of what Lane said is inaccurate and a distortion of the facts."

Lane, the author of "Rush to Judgment," a book critical of the Warren Report, maintained in his speech Dec. 7 and in his book that President Kennedy was killed in a conspiracy and that federal agencies are ignoring or concealing the truth.

Relying heavily on extracts from the Warren Commission report during his almost two-hour talk, Dr. Bringuier said that he believed the former president was shot and killed by Lee Harvey Oswald from the Texas School Book Depository Building in Dallas, Tex.

"If, as Lane claims, a shot from the front knocked flesh and brain tissue forward in the automobile, this is a new law of physics," the Cuban said.

He said that Texas Gov. John B. Connally told the commission that the shots came from the back, over his right shoulder.

Dr. Bringuier charged that the driver of the death car was not quoted in Lane's book or mentioned in the index.

The driver, Dr. Bringuier said, told the Warren Commission that the shots came from behind him, to the right rear of him. The driver also stated, the Cuban leader said, that he did not believe the shots came from the front.

Dr. Bringuier also read testimony of a 16-year-old Negro youth who was standing at Houston and Elm in Dallas at the time of the assassination.

The Negro, Dr. Bringuier said, told the commission that he had seen what appeared to be some sort of pipe in an upper story window of the book depository.

The Cuban leader warned that "forces are trying to bring about a revolution in this country. They are saying that anti-Castro Cubans were involved in the assassination.

"They know as long as the people of the United States believe in the institutions of the nation, such as the FBI, they cannot take over. When you begin to doubt your institutions—that's when they will try to take over."

He termed charges that right wing extremists killed President Kennedy as "ridiculous." He reaffirmed that Oswald did the deed and that he was a Trotskyite extremist and former chairman of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee in New Orleans.

Dr. Bringuier received a long ovation following his talk.

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The Assassination of President Kennedy. Lane gained a brief bit of notoriety as a self-appointed defender of Oswald. He was also among a group identified in a "public inquest into the mass murders in Indonesia," which sought to counter recent anti-Communist successes in that country. He has also been a speaker at Columbia University on a program sponsored by a New Left organization called "Youth Against War and Fascism."

FACULTY, STUDENTS and others attending the public meeting the other day heard Dr. Bringuier say that he was there for the purpose of "refuting Lane's distortion of the truth." He also "laid the wood to Garrison" and acknowledged that many Cubans had asked him not to appear as he did in public for fear that measures would be taken against him. His answer was that if a person sees a crime being committed and kept silent he became an accomplice.

A SMEAR CAMPAIGN was being waged by Garrison against the Cuban colony in New Orleans, claimed Bringuier, and he said that even some public officials were playing the game of the enemy of the United States.

BRINGUIER, who himself has testified under oath before the President's Commission, sometimes called "The Warren Commission," reminded the Tulane audience of the people who have testified under oath before the commission in regard to Oswald's murder of President Kennedy and the fact that the shots came from the Texas Book Depository Building and from the back of the presidential car. They have included Gov. Connally of Texas, several Secret Service Agents who were there, FBI officials, the driver of the presidential car, newsmen, eyewitnesses who saw the gun barrel, men who were one story beneath Oswald during the shooting, and others. The fact that Oswald was owner of the gun and killed President Kennedy was established beyond any reasonable doubt by top law enforcement agencies in the country, according to Bringuier. It's all in the official record.

— **JIM GARRISON**, Louisiana's best-known investigator, was challenged at Tulane University Thursday a week ago to prove his good faith by checking out the Communist and Communist-front ties of Lee Harvey Oswald that originated in New Orleans and extended into Cuba, Mexico and Russia.

HIS CHALLENGER was Dr. Carlos Bringuier, New Orleans delegate of the Cuban Student Directorate, and one of the three Cuban exiles who first uncovered Oswald's Marxism and his identity with the "Fair Play For Cuba Committee." It all happened on the streets of New Orleans when Dr. Bringuier and two other anti-Castro Cubans confronted Pres. Kennedy's assassin while he was handing out FPCC literature and parading signs extolling the Cuban Red dictator. They cursed Oswald in English and Spanish, tore up his signs, got arrested with him in the process and Bringuier later debated Oswald on a New Orleans radio station.

MARK LANE, the left-wing lawyer who authored "Rush to Judgment," spoke before a Tulane audience some months ago and Dr. Bringuier challenged many of his claims. He was given equal time to answer Lane and did so Thursday, Jan. 4. Lane has been in consultation with Garrison and has been attacking the credibility of witnesses who appeared before the President's Commission on

LAWYER - AUTHOR Lane, who wasn't present in Dallas, claimed there were five shots fired. A total of 150 out of 172 persons who were present said there were three.

WHAT ABOUT GARRISON'S motivation: Bringuier was complimentary of the district attorney's action in the beginning, now he feels that the only difference between Mr. Garrison and Fidel Castro is the beard. He called Garrison the "White Stokely Carmichael" and drew a parallel between Garrison's attacks on the FBI, the CIA and other U.S. institutions with what happened in Cuba when Castro's sympathizers were undermining public confidence in Cuban institutions by repeated attacks, and then moved in to take over after they had built up Castro. The Cuban exile also charged that the New Orleans district attorney is following a Castro tactic when he says he doesn't want anything for himself and has no ambition for higher office.

THE EXTREME LEFT will talk integration but actually won't accept a Negro leader, according to Bringuier, so he speculates that Garrison might be the figurehead they're building up. The Cuban also charged that one of Garrison's star witnesses has threatened a Cuban who tried to provide the district attorney with evidence.

THE INVESTIGATION has taken many turns, but Bringuier wondered out loud why Mr. Garrison had not investigated the Communist angle. Oswald was a member of a known Communist front, the Fair Play For Cuba Committee. He had lived in Russia, was married to the relative of a colonel in Russian intelligence, was a great admirer of Castro's and tried to enter (and may have entered) Cuba through Mexico. Bringuier alleges that Jack Ruby killed Oswald so that Communism could not be placed on trial in the United States.

ACADIANA RESIDENTS will recall that during the Louisiana Joint Legislative Committee on UnAmerican Activities hearing in Lafayette the "Southern Conference Educational Fund" was prominent in the news. This is a well-identified Communist front organization that operated in New Orleans for many years before moving to Louisville, Kentucky. The

war on poverty worker from New Orleans identified here as a Communist foe trying to recruit an undercover agent in the Red "Spartacist League" worked for SCEF.

THE SUBVERSIVE organ of SCEF is "The Southern Patriot" and a representative of that publication was in Lafayette the first day of the hearing. His boss is Anne Braden, a well identified Communist; and Anne's husband is Carl Braden, another well-identified Communist. The Louisiana committee, in a report dated April 13, 1964, (Page 17) reproduces a letterhead showing Carl Braden as an honorary co-chairman of the Fair Play For Cuba Committee.

THIS IS NOT to say that Braden was part of the Communist conspiracy to kill President Kennedy, but it is to point up that a known Communist who held a key position in a cited Communist front organization also held an important post on the Fair Play For Cuba Committee. Another co-chairman was Robert F. Williams, the Negro revolutionary wanted for kidnapping in North Carolina, and who has been preaching (via radio and printed word) Communist revolution in the USA from Cuba.

DR. BRINGUIER also said at the Tulane meeting the other day that a report from the Secret Service (or some other U. S. agency) establishes the fact that another key SCEF figure from New Orleans has been allegedly making trips to Mexico to pick up money, presumably sent from Cuba.

MYSTERIOUS? MAYBE! The District Attorney of New Orleans may have uncovered a plot, but not THE plot, is what Bringuier is implying. Truth is stranger than fiction. Why fish for perch when you might catch a whale? Those Red lines out of New Orleans don't stop at the Mississippi.

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