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# A Round-up of Critics of the Warren Report

THE SCAVENGERS AND CRITICS OF THE WARREN REPORT. BY Richard Warren Lewis with Lawrence Schiller. Delacorte. \$4.95

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Any current book or article on the assassination of President Kennedy must take into consideration the investigation now under way in New Orleans, undoubtedly the most significant opposition to the findings of the Warren Commission thus far.

This book, based on investigation by Lawrence Schiller, is called "the first book to comment on the critics with the truth about the facts." There will be others.

While the author goes far in setting out the facts in the cases of Edward J. Epstein ("Inquest"), Harold Weisberg ("Whitewash"), Mark Lane ("Rush to Judgment"), and the numerous others who have expressed their views on the assassination, the "New Orleans Conspiracy" comes in for a brief, though not too critical, appraisal.

There are many people throughout the world who are quite understandably — confused by both the Warren Report and the criticism it has received. This book is for them because it is valuable in placing a lot of things in their proper perspective.

It is doubtful, though, that the thinking of those who subscribe

with fervor to any of the scores of conspiracy theories will be changed.

Mark Lane's views and writings come in for some very close scrutiny as does his background and his method of operation. While the critical handling of Mr. Lane will not change the opinion of his followers, it will serve to balance the thinking of others who have not yet formed any strong opinions.

There are many persons who have taken advantage of The Controversy to make a quick dollar at the expense of a public eager to learn as much as possible about Nov. 22, 1963, in Dallas.

This book exposes some of them.

It also touches some of the areas in which the Warren Commission left itself open for criticism, mainly, says the author, by virtue of human frailty.

Garrison's probe is not treated as critically as some of the others. If anything, he receives a kid glove treatment: "But Garrison, despite a flamboyant manner which caused some skepticism among members of the press, has managed to tap new tools of investigation beyond the scope of the Warren Commission."

This is a 'must' book to be added to the growing collection of the assassination bookshelf.

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