

Lane Joins Staff Of New Periodical



MARK LANE
... Brings unique expertise to "Zionist Watch."

By Michael Collins Piper

Noted civil libertarian attorney Mark Lane has joined the staff of "Zionist Watch," as associate editor of the recently established twice-monthly newsletter.

"Mark will be a valuable addition to 'Zionist Watch,'" said Victor Marchetti, Lane's new colleague and editor of the publication. "His expertise in Middle East affairs is rivaled by few.

"Mark has traveled extensively in that region. He has met with key figures on both sides of the Arab-Israeli conflict, including, among others, members of the Israeli parliament as well as Yassir Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

"Mark is one of the most articulate and best-known American Jewish critics of Zionism. He has established himself as a foremost leader in the drive to force the Establishment to rethink current U.S. Middle East policy."

In recent years, Marchetti noted, Lane, as an attorney, has represented a diversity of clients, some of whom brought suit in an effort to put an end to the tax-exempt status of a number of powerful agencies and organizations which are part of the Israel lobby in this country.

(The activities of pro-Israel lobbying groups are the subject of a column titled "Lobby Report" that is a regular feature in "Zionist Watch.")

JFK PROBER

Although Lane is probably best known to readers of The SPOTLIGHT as the general counsel for Liberty Lobby, the Washington-based populist institution, the attorney first became



Victor Marchetti announced the appointment of attorney Mark Lane.

famous as the earliest pioneer in the independent investigations of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

"Rush to Judgment," Lane's fierce critique of the Warren Commission cover-up, was a major best-seller, sparking global interest.

(On page 25 of this issue appears a review by Lane of retired House Speaker Thomas P. [Tip] O'Neill's memoirs. Lane focuses on O'Neill's revelations relating to the belief by President Kennedy's closest associates that Kennedy was the victim of a conspiracy and how they "reconstructed" their own views to fit the Warren Commission's "one lone nut" scenario.)

"Mark's talents as an investigator will be a great asset to ZW," said Marchetti. "Not only has Mark done some groundbreaking work in cracking open the mysteries surrounding the Kennedy assassination, but he has also brought forth

new evidence on the murder of Martin Luther King Jr."

A former member of the New York state assembly, Lane was active in the civil rights movement in the 1960s, and was a friend of Dr. King.

Lane currently serves as a counsel for King's accused killer, James Earl Ray. Ray, asserting his innocence and charging that he has been framed, has sought a new trial. Lane assumed charge of Ray's defense at the urging of Dr. King's widow, Coretta Scott King.