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LESS-THAN-CONGENIAL CONFRONTATION

Author Interviews Novel

Attorney Mark Lane, who investigated the Kennedy assassination and raked the Warren Commission about it, finally met Gordon Novel, wanted as a material witness in a New Orleans probe of the tragedy.

Lane cut short the less-than-congenial confrontation Sunday after conceding Saturday that Novel's name was not uncovered in his investi-

gation that led to his writing of "Rush to Judgment."

A DOWNTOWN office was the scene of Lane's meeting with Novel, who is being sought in New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's investigation of the assassination.

Jerry Weiner, Novel's Columbus attorney, said the meeting was arranged at Lane's request and involved

mostly questioning of his client by the author. When Novel started to question Lane, Weiner said, the author refused to answer.

"It all ended very abruptly," Weiner said. "He (Lane) got up and walked out."

AFTERWARD, both men talked with reporters, each criticizing the other.

Novel, a former New Or-

leans night club operator, branded Lane a "publicity man for Jim Garrison" and claimed he is "doing propaganda work for the district attorney."

Lane charged that a sodium amytal (so-called truth serum) test given Novel in Columbus a few weeks ago was "rigged." Lane said Novel "hedged" on questions he answered during the test and that he "wasn't telling very much."

LANE ALSO attacked Weiner and said he was guilty of "conduct unbecoming to an attorney."

Lane was in Columbus en route to Granville for a speech at Denison University.

Novel, who has been fighting extradition to New Orleans, describes Garrison's investigation as a hoax.

SUNDAY NIGHT, Novel said he "expects to go back to New Orleans in the immediate future." He would not amplify his statement.

In his address at Denison University, Lane criticized the press, radio and television for "failure to present the facts in the investigation in New Orleans."

HE ALSO said the news media were "advocates of the Warren Commission" and were letting the public down in not pointing out faults in it.

He struck at what he called the "dismal ignorance of the press" in matters concerning the assassination and strongly implied, as he had in his book, that the Warren Commission "came up with theories and twisted evidence it found to fit them."

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