

COMIC APPEARS AT PRESS CLUB

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Warren Commission Is
Sahl's Topic

Comic Mort Sahl Monday made a one-performance appearance at the Press Club of New Orleans.

His style and delivery was as sharp as ever as he gave a fast-talking, humorous account of the Warren Commission's investigation into President Kennedy's death and made comic assault on the press for its attitude toward the current assassination probe in New Orleans.

In a few somber moments he said he was an unpaid investigator for District Attorney Jim Garrison's Kennedy death probe and that he came here following his involvement in "a branch of the investigation in California."

In answer to a question he said he could not comment on what specifically he was doing because it was an integral part of their investigation.

He said Garrison and some in the federal government know who killed the president and that "it is up to the press" if the public is to know.

Standing before a packed room Sahl made humorous references to the Warren Commission, "California liberals," newspapers, television, Jack Ruby ("a patriotic night club owner"), the single bullet theory, ("it couldn't pass up the opportunity to get Gov. Connally too."), and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

He said that the initial deal for Garrison's recent appearance on the Johnny Carson show was to include a Warren Commission member or commission attorneys to appear in defense of the commission report. He said no one came forth so Carson defended it. Carson, he said, took a week off from his show to recuperate after Garrison's appearance.

Sahl's appearance was preceded by brief remarks from Rear Admiral George R. Muse, USN, commander of the Naval Reserve Training Command. He spoke of the Navy's "Two by Six" program wherein young men enlist for six years with two years active duty. He said since the Pueblo incident volunteers into this service have increased.