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LAS VEGAS, NEV., APRIL 5 (AP)--A LEGAL ADVISER TO THE WARREN COMMISSION DURING ITS INVESTIGATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION DEFENDED THE COMMISSION'S REPORT LAST NIGHT AGAINST CHARGES OF "WHITWASH" AND "COVERUP."

WESLEY J. LIEBELER, AN ASSISTANT LAW PROFESSOR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT LOS ANGELES, TOLD MORE THAN 500 PERSONS ATTENDING A PANEL DISCUSSION THAT THE COMMISSION OPERATED ON THE BELIEF THAT "TRUTH WAS OUR ONLY CLIENT."

THE PANEL DISCUSSION WAS SPONSORED BY THE LAS VEGAS YOUNG DEMOCRATS CLUB.

THREE OTHER PANELISTS TOOK ISSUE WITH LIEBELER, CHARGING THAT THE "PUBLIC HAD NOT BEEN TOLD THE TRUTH."

FORMER CLARK COUNTY DIST. ATTY. EDWARD G. MARSHALL SAID: "I BELIEVE THE WARREN COMMISSION'S REPORT WAS A WHITWASH IN THE SENSE THAT IT WITHHOLDS CERTAIN INFORMATION FROM THE PUBLIC AND IN THE SENSE THAT IT DID NOT REVEAL THE TRUTH."

TOM WILSON, CITY EDITOR OF THE LAS VEGAS REVIEW-JOURNAL, AND DEPUTY DIST. ATTY. GEORGE SPIZZIRRI, AGREED WITH MARSHALL.

LIEBELER ARGUED THAT ALL THE COMMISSION'S INVESTIGATORS WERE GIVEN A FREE REIN AND HAD EVEN LOOKED INTO AREAS NOT COVERED IN THE OFFICIAL 26-VOLUME REPORT.

"DON'T YOU THINK THAT ALL OF US YOUNG ATTORNEYS WOULD HAVE LOVED TO DISCOVER A CONSPIRACY AFTER THE FBI, CIA AND SECRET SERVICE FAILED?" HE ASKED.

DURING THE THREE-HOUR DISCUSSION, LIEBELER NOTED THAT THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE PRESIDENT'S DEATH ARE "INHERENTLY UNBELIEVABLE TO THE AMERICAN PUBLIC."

HE SAID PEOPLE "JUST CAN'T ACCEPT THE FACT THAT A WORTHLESS HUMAN BEING LIKE OSWALD COULD HAVE PERFORMED ALONE, AND YET THAT IS THE TRUTH."

THE WARREN COMMISSION CONCLUDED THAT LEE HARVEY OSWALD WAS THE ASSASSIN AND THAT HE WAS THE ONLY PERSON INVOLVED. OSWALD WAS SLAIN TWO DAYS AFTER THE ASSASSINATION BY JACK RUBY, WHO DIED OF CANCER.

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