

Weisberg, Warren Commission Critic, Speaks To Kiwanis Club

A Hyattstown author of two books criticizing the Warren commission report told Kiwanians Tuesday that he is worried about "a loss of integrity" in the United States.

Harold Weisberg, author and publisher of "Whitewash" and "Whitewash II," said, "The important thing is not finding out who killed Kennedy, but to see that society starts working again."

Weisberg has expressed his doubts in writing and on television as to the legality of procedures used by the Warren Commission in its investigation and to its conclusions based on what he calls partial evidence.

In his talk illustrated with enlarged photographs of the assassination Weisberg spoke of a 'deterioration of integrity' in the United States and called on people to demand the truth.

"Society did not fall apart when Kennedy was killed. It fell apart when Oswald was denied his basic rights and was killed when he was in public authority."

Weisberg maintains his basic thesis that no one man could have killed the President and that although Oswald may have been involved in the plot he was not the lone assassin.

He elaborated on several specific instances when available photographs or testimony from persons at the assassination scene was not included in the 26 volume, 10 million word Warren report.

His argument against a lone assassin springs from his conclusion that all three shots could not have physically come from the same direction and could not have been made in a five second period as the Commission stated.

He cited a rifle test at Aberdeen Proving Grounds in which three expert marksmen using Oswald's weapon attempted to shoot a target at but half the distance of the Presidential car from the Texas School Book Depository.

The results, he said, were that the shots were not on target and could not all be made in the five second period.

Throughout his criticism Weisberg argues that govern-

ment officials and certain members of the press are covering up the truth possibly to prevent certain government agencies from embarrassment.

Weisberg is currently working on two more books, "Whitewash III: The Archive", "Manchester Machievelli: The Unofficial Unintended Whitewash."

Guests at the luncheon were Bob Barack, Dr. Thurmon Mott, Paul Shaeffer and Ron Shaffer.