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## PERSONALITY IN THE NEWS--MARK LANE

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NEW YORK, JAN. 15 (AP)—THE MAN WHO WILL REPRESENT LEE HARVEY OSWALD BEFORE A PRESIDENTIAL INVESTIGATING COMMISSION HEADED BY CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN IS A 36-YEAR OLD ATTORNEY WHO HAS BEEN PRAISED AS A REFORMER AND CRITICIZED AS A MEDDLER.

TALL, BROWN-HAIRED MARK LANE HAS BEEN AN ARMY INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, A FREEDOM RIDER, AN ESPOUSER OF LIBERAL CAUSES AND AN UNSUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE FOR NOMINATION TO CONGRESS.

AS A FRESHMAN MEMBER OF THE NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY, HE CAUSED AN UNPRECEDENTED TWO-MONTH INVESTIGATION BY CHARGING UNSUCCESSFULLY THAT THE ASSEMBLY'S SPEAKER HAD BENEFITED FINANCIALLY IN PRESSING FOR THE STATE'S FALLOUT SHELTER PROGRAM.

HE AGREED TO REPRESENT OSWALD'S INTEREST BEFORE THE COMMISSION INVESTIGATING PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S SLAYING, HE SAID TODAY, BECAUSE HE FEELS THE "AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE ENTITLED TO GET ANSWERS TO MANY QUESTIONS."

DISCUSSING THE CASE OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S ACCUSED ASSASSIN, HE DECLARED:

"THERE ARE MANY SERIOUS AND TROUBLING DOUBTS IN MY MIND AS TO WHAT ROLE IF ANY OSWALD PLAYED."

LANE, WHO WEARS BLACK HORN-RIMMED GLASSES AND HAS THE AIR OF A PROFESSOR, SAID HE WANTS TO KNOW HOW THE PRESIDENT COULD HAVE BEEN "SHOT IN THE THROAT FROM THE FRONT WHEN OSWALD WAS BEHIND HIM." (PATHOLOGISTS AT BETHESDA NAVAL HOSPITAL, HOWEVER, ARE REPORTED TO HAVE CONCLUDED THAT THE THROAT WOUND RESULTED FROM EMERGENCE OF A METAL FRAGMENT OR PIECE OF BONE STEMMING FROM THE FATAL SHOT IN THE BACK OF THE HEAD.)

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LANE ALSO CLAIMED THAT MANY WITNESSES ARE WILLING TO TESTIFY THAT THE SOUND OF FIRING AT THE TIME OF THE ASSASSINATION CAME NOT FROM THE REAR OF THE PRESIDENTIAL CAR, BUT FROM AN OVERPASS DIRECTLY IN FRONT.

"IT IS IMPORTANT THAT ALL EVIDENCE BE PLACED IN THE CRUCIBLE OF CROSS-EXAMINATION," LANE SAID.

HE AGREED TO TAKE THE CASE WITHOUT FEES AFTER OSWALD'S MOTHER, MRS. MARGUERITE OSWALD, REQUESTED HIS SERVICES. LANE PREVIOUSLY

SUBMITTED A LENGTHY BRIEF TO THE WARREN COMMISSION.

THE DEMOCRATIC ATTORNEY'S NAME BECAME WELL KNOWN IN NEW YORK IN 1961 WHEN HE MADE THE CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST CHARGES AGAINST ASSEMBLY SPEAKER JOSEPH F. CARLINO, A REPUBLICAN.

THE ASSEMBLY'S ETHICS COMMITTEE, AFTER AN INVESTIGATION THAT INCLUDED THE APPEARANCE OF REPUBLICAN GOV. NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER AT A HEARING, CLEARED THE SPEAKER.

WHEN THE ASSEMBLY LATER CONCURRED, LANE CAST THE LONE DISSENTING VOTE.

LANE DECIDED AGAINST RUNNING FOR RE-ELECTION WHEN HIS TWO-YEAR TERM ENDED.

HE WAS ARRESTED AS A FREEDOM RIDER IN JACKSON, MISS., IN 1961 ALONG WITH PERCY SUTTON, PRESIDENT OF THE NEW YORK CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE.

HE HAS BACKED A NUMBER OF LIBERAL ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING THE AMERICANS FOR DEMOCRATIC ACTION, THE COMMITTEE FOR A SANE NUCLEAR POLICY AND THE CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION.

LAST APRIL, HE PLEADED GUILTY IN THE CITY'S TRAFFIC COURT AND WAS FINED \$415 FOR RECEIVING 19 TRAFFIC SUMMONSES.

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