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Oswald Not Alone In Slaying Of President, Attorney Claims

By George Dusheck

A 37-year-old New York lawyer has undertaken to oppose the widely-held belief that Lee Harvey Oswald killed President John F. Kennedy, all by himself.

In doing so Mark Lane has aligned himself against the U. S. Secret Service, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Dallas police and district attorney, and, he fears, the Warren Commission.

His fears about the Warren Commission arise from the refusal of that body, which is investigating JFK's assassination and the subsequent murder of Oswald by Jack Ruby, to allow him to represent Oswald before it and cross examine witnesses there.

"THE ONLY WAY the truth will ever come out," he said at a press conference here Friday, "is at a public hearing with the right of cross examination."

He suggested that the Warren Commission's decision not to hold a public hearing must inevitably throw doubt on its findings.

Lane made it clear he does not argue that Oswald had no connection with the President's assassination. He says only that the evidence that has been made public is insufficient to convict Oswald if he lived and had a fair trial.

AND HE ADDS that the inflammatory statements of Dallas District Attorney Henry Wade, the Dallas chief of police, and the FBI would have made it impossible for Oswald to get a fair trial in a nation shocked and angered by the murder of its brilliant young President.

Other Lane comments:

"Marina Oswald has been brainwashed by the Secret Service. She was held incommunicado for eight weeks, and knows nothing that has not been told to her by Secret Service agents.

"AMONG OTHER things, she told the Dallas police on Friday, Nov. 22, that the rifle shown her was NOT her husband's rifle. Cross examination would bring this contradiction out in an open hearing."

And—

"Mrs. Marguerite Oswald" . . . Lee's mother, who asked Lane to enter the case . . . "is not a Communist, has never been a Communist, knows no Communists, and doesn't know Karl Marx from Groucho Marx."

And—

"I am serving in this case without a fee. Part of my expenses have been met by two New York attorneys. I am earning money by making lectures on the Oswald case. I have received money from no other source whatever."

HE SPEAKS TONIGHT at California Hall under the sponsorship of the National Guardian, a left-wing weekly. The chairman of the meeting is Vincent Hallinan, once a candidate for president of the U. S.



ONE MAN AGAINST MILLIONS
Mark Lane will fight the battle of Lee Harvey Oswald
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on the Progressive Party ticket. But Lane says of Hallinan—

"I do not know the gentleman. I have never talked to him. All I know is that he will chair the meeting."

Lane will also speak at the University of California at noon on Monday. His sponsor there: SLATE, the student political group. On this same speaking tour he will appear in Los Angeles, San Diego, Detroit, Chicago, Cleveland, Milwaukee, Madison.

EVERYWHERE HE will seek to throw doubt on the strength of the case against Lee Harvey Oswald:

"The FBI is not suppressing evidence. It is simply not gathering all the evidence that is there. The FBI has not interviewed several persons who were at the scene of the shooting on Nov. 22. Why not?"

Lane still hopes the Warren Commission will relent, allow him to appear, to subpoena, examine, and cross-examine witnesses. If not, he says, there are other legal avenues open to Mrs. Marguerite Oswald.

"For example, we may sue the City of Dallas for the wrongful death of Lee Oswald or for his false arrest. Either action would produce an open trial with all the safeguards of American jurisprudence."