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Exile Rips Lane's Warren Assault

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Mark Lane's two-hour review of his book attacking the Warren Commission came to an unexpected climax last night when Carlos Bringuier, a prominent New Orleans Cuban exile, took to the stage at Tulane University's McAlister Auditorium defending the commission's findings.

Bringuier mounted the stage after saying that Lane had made innuendoes and told the audience "lies and half-truths." He asked for equal time and Lane obliged, saying "You can have the stage now."

The Cuban, hindered by his heavily accented English, briefly related his well-known run-in with Lee Harvey Oswald in New Orleans, saying that Oswald was a Marxist and that the Warren Commission report was right in labeling him the murderer of President John F. Kennedy.

HE WAS promised equal time to reply to Lane at a later date.

Lane, a lawyer and author of the widely read and highly critical analysis of the Warren Report, "Rush to Judgment," was favorably received by the audience, consisting mainly of students.

An effective speaker who spiced his points with witticisms appreciated by his collegiate audience, Lane saved his high points until the question and answer period after the speech.

HE SAID that Abraham W. Bolden, a former Secret Service agent assigned to guard President Kennedy, told him, Assistant District Attorney Richard Burnes and another attorney that the agents guarding Kennedy were "hostile to the President" because he was favorable to Negroes.

Bolden, the first Negro assigned to guard a President, is now serving time in federal prison on a conviction of conspiring to sell information to counterfeiters.

Lane said that Bolden told him he was often derided by other Secret Service men because of his race. Earlier this week, Lane and Burnes said that Bolden had information of a Chicago plot to assassinate Kennedy and his

HE ALSO told the audience that a former Dallas deputy sheriff is now working with Orleans Parish Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison and has provided the DA with interesting information concerning the actions of Dallas law enforcement agencies on the day Kennedy was murdered.

In the main, Lane discussed well-publicized aspects of the Warren Commission findings and the reaction of dissenters to its findings.

However, Lane used hyperbole and understatement to good effect: "Although the Warren-Commission didn't look at the X-rays and pictures of the assassinated President, it was not totally disinterested in medical findings; it published a photograph of Jack Ruby's dental impression taken in 1937."

AMONG THOSE present in the audience were Carlos Quiroga, a Cuban exile who has appeared before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury under subpoena in connection with the Garrison investigation and Perry Raymond Russo.

Russo, who was Garrison's star witness in the preliminary hearing which resulted in having Clay Shaw held over for trial on charges of conspiracy to murder Kennedy, attempted to ask Lane a question several times. He apparently went unseen by the speaker.

Although Lane didn't answer the question posed by the title of his address, "Who Killed John Kennedy?" he did criticize the Kennedy family for having "faith in a document (the Warren Report) it has never read." He added that he believes the Kennedys will one day call for another investigation into the assassination.

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