

A PREDICTION IN THE 'PLOT' PROBE

New Orleans

Mark Lane, an original critic of the Warren Commission's report, said this week he has reviewed New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison's evidence of a Kennedy assassination conspiracy and predicted Garrison will get a conviction.

"They are going to be embarrassed when the jury says guilty," Lane told about 400 persons. His talk was sponsored by the crime committee of the New Orleans Young Men's Business Club.

By "they," Lane meant news magazines, newspapers, wire services, television and radio which, he said, were trying to discredit Garrison's investigation.

Evidence

"I have seen the evidence," Lane said. "The water has been poisoned. If he disregarded the evidence he would deserve the criticism he has received for following it.

"The foundations of the country will be shaken when the evidence is disclosed in court.

"There are some in high places who will do all they can to prevent that day coming."

Garrison charges a conspiracy to assassinate President Kennedy was hatched in New Orleans in the summer of 1963. Mr. Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas Nov. 22, 1963.

Indictment

A commission headed by Chief Justice Earl Warren, after an investigation of nine months and after questioning thousands of witnesses, said Lee Harvey Oswald killed Mr. Kennedy unaided and there was no evidence of conspiracy.

The Orleans Parish grand jury, at Garrison's behest, has indicted retired businessman Clay Shaw, 54, on a charge of conspiracy. Shaw is free on \$10,000 bond. His trial date has not been set.

Lane, in his talk, derided Dallas, Texas, District Attorney Henry Wade, the Dallas police and the Warren Commission. He said President Johnson, Warren and Attorney General Ramsey Clark are involved in suppression of evidence in the case.

"Now is the time for the President to act," Lane said. "If he does not act now, the American people in 1968 will have the time to act."

Lane, a New York lawyer and author of a book on the assassination called "Rush to Judgment," said Garrison had sat down with him and carefully gone over his case.

"Our two investigations, starting from separate points, have reached the same conclusion," Lane said.

In reply to a question, Lane denied he had said that an agency of the U. S. government was involved. He said that what he really said was that "a powerful force in the country which was a part of the government structure was involved."