

A VIEW OF OSWALD CASE

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The attorney retained by the mother of Lee Harvey Oswald to clear her son's name of the assassination of President Kennedy was in San Francisco yesterday trying to do just that.

Said Mark Lane: "There is not a single witness to link Oswald to the crime."

Furthermore, according to the New York City attorney, he has statements from nine witnesses who were in the crowd that fateful Nov. 22 in Dallas and all state the shots were fired from a grassy overpass knoll overlooking the freeway on which Kennedy's car was traveling.

Oswald was accused of firing from the sixth floor of a Texas schoolbook depository building overlooking the street where the presidential procession passed.

One of the witnesses is Congressman Henry Gonzalez of San Antonio who was riding several cars in back of the Kennedy car, said Lane.

Reached in San Antonio, Gonzalez said: "Lane's statement is fantastic. There is absolutely no substance to such a story whatsoever. It's truly fantastic."

Lane, once a New York state assemblyman, has written for the pro-Communist "National Guardian" and has been listed as a speaker for a pro-Castro group.

Lane also revealed a copy of the results of a paraffin test given Oswald on Nov. 22 by the Dallas Criminal Investigation Bureau.

They showed that Oswald had no nitrate on the right side of his face that is usual after a person has fired a rifle, Lane said.

The test did reveal that there were nitrate patterns on Oswald's right and left hands consistent with the discharge of a firearm, the attorney continued, "but the patterns were typical of those produced when firing a revolver.

"And it wasn't a revolver that killed President Kennedy," Lane said.

The attorney admitted the tests were in no way conclusive, but pointed out they certainly didn't prove Oswald to be the killer.

Lane also claimed that recent photos of Oswald showing him with a rifle in his left hand and wearing a pistol on his right hip were "obviously doctored" before they were printed in magazines and newspapers.

He said some of the versions of the photos show the rifle with a telescopic sight and others do not show the sight. In any event, he alleged, it was not the murder weapon as identified by the Dallas police.

Lane likened the Oswald case to France's famous "Dreyfus Case."

"I don't think I'll need 12 years to get to the truth," Lane said, referring to the Devil's Island imprisonment of the French Army officer a half century ago.

Lane said he will stay with the Oswald case until all questions are answered.

He is in the area on a week's speaking tour during which he will try to raise funds to hire several investigators to send to Dallas. He will talk today at San Jose State College at 3:30 p.m. and at The Committee, 622 Broadway, at 8:30 p.m.