

Another Kennedy Hassle

TV Debate Stirs British

LONDON — (AP) — Viewers of a TV debate on the Warren report jammed the British Broadcasting Corporation's switchboard for an hour early today with calls complaining an American critic was not given a fair hearing.

The callers sided with New York lawyer Mark Lane, who contended several times during the 4½-hour program he was not being allowed the same chance to speak as two former counsels to the Warren Commission, which investigated the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

"The method adopted by the BBC tonight has done a grave disservice to truth," Lane told British Chairman Kenneth Harris at one point.

SHARP REPLY

After an on-camera phone consultation with the program's producers, Harris replied:

"I don't want to hear criticism of extraneous matters

such as the BBC or me."

The commission's conclusion that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone in the assassination was defended by former counsels David Belin, a lawyer in Des Moines, Iowa, and Arlen Specter, Philadelphia district attorney.

Lane is author of "Rush to Judgment," a book attacking the commission's findings. His 100-minute movie of the same name was shown publicly for the first time on the program.

INTERVIEWS

The film includes Lane's interviews of witnesses of the assassination who disagree with the commission's report as to where the shots came from.

Harris insisted Lane had let the movie present most of his arguments.

Lord Devlin, a prominent jurist, and Alexander M. Bickel, Yale University professor of law and legal history, summed up.

Bickel said the commission's conclusion a single bullet hit Kennedy and Texas Gov. John Connally was not convincing. He suggested the investigation be reopened, possibly by a full-time group of two or three retired judges.

Lord Devlin disagreed, arguing there was no reasonable doubt of Oswald's guilt, and added:

"Even a dead President is entitled to some bodily privacy. Let him rest in peace."