

ADVANCE FOR USE AT 8 P.M. EST FEB.11

LANE-NIZER (490)

(ADVANCE)- NEW YORK, FEB.11 (AP)-MARK LANE, WHOSE BEST-SELLING BOOK CONTENDS THE WARREN COMMISSION FAILED TO SOLVE PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S MURDER, HAS BEEN ACCUSED OF "OUTRAGEOUS AND SLANDEROUS ACCUSATIONS... PUNY KNIT-PICKING AND INCORRECT AT THAT."

THE CHARGE CAME FROM ATTORNEY ~~LOUIS NIZER~~, WHO SAID IN A PRE-TAPED TELEVISION DEBATE THAT LANE'S BOOK "RUSH TO JUDGMENT" HAS "BESMIRCHED THE AMERICAN REPUTATION."

"I HAVE NOT BESMIRCHED THE AMERICAN PEOPLE," LANE RETORTED. "TOADIES--WHO TOADIED TO THE AMERICAN ESTABLISHMENT--WHO ACCEPT THE CONCLUSIONS OF A FALSE REPORT. THEY ARE THE ONES WHO BESMIRCH THE AMERICAN REPUTATION. THEY ARE THE ONES."

AT ANOTHER POINT, ACCUSED BY NIZER OF DODGING QUESTIONS, LANE REPLIED:

"IS THIS THE UNAMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE? ARE YOU RUNNING THIS COMMITTEE WHERE IT'S YES OR NO? IS THAT WHERE YOU ARE MR. NIZER?"

THE DEBATE, TO BE TELEVISED SUNDAY NIGHT OVER WNEW-TV, PITTED LANE AGAINST NIZER AND ~~ALBERT E. JENNER, JR.~~, ASSISTANT COUNSEL TO THE WARREN COMMISSION AND ~~ALFREDDA SCOBAY~~, A STAFF MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION. NIZER IS A WIDELY KNOWN NEW YORK TRIAL LAWYER WHO WROTE AN ANALYSIS AND COMMENTARY ON THE WARREN REPORT.

THE PROGRAM FEATURED A DEFENSE OF THE WARREN COMMISSION, AS A REBUTTAL TO A NOV.12 PROGRAM IN WHICH CRITICS OF THE WARREN REPORT WERE IN THE MAJORITY, INCLUDING LANE.

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CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN AND HIS COMMISSION HELD LEE HARVEY OSWALD SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE 1963 ASSASSINATION OF KENNEDY IN DALLAS. NIZER DECLARED:

"THERE HAS NEVER BEEN SO THOROUGH A CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION IN THE WORLD'S HISTORY. THIS REPORT IS A HUNDRED TIMES MORE SPECIFIC THAN ANY TRIAL COULD HAVE BEEN."

TO WHICH LANE REPLIED:

"THE REPORT IS INDEFENSABLE, AND PERHAPS THOSE WHO ARE BEST ACQUAINTED WITH IT ARE AWARE OF THAT...WE MUST THINK FOR OURSELVES. WE MUST HAVE FAITH NOT IN EARL WARREN, NOT IN LYNDON JOHNSON, WHO AUTHORIZED THIS REPORT. WE MUST HAVE FAITH IN OURSELVES, IN OUR OWN ABILITY TO READ AND LOGIC, AND TO COME TO CONCLUSIONS, AND ANY

OTHER CONCEPT IS A CONCEPT WHICH IS AT WAR WITH THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY."

LANE HAS CLAIMED THAT THE REAL ASSASSIN OF KENNEDY STILL IS AT LARGE, THAT OSWALD WAS NOT THE KILLER, THAT THE FATAL SHOTS CAME FROM TWO DIRECTIONS. HE HAS REASONED, THEREFORE, THAT THERE WAS A CONSPIRACY TO TAKE THE PRESIDENT'S LIFE.

BY PROJECTION, NIZER ACCUSED LANE OF IMPLYING A CONSPIRACY ON THE PART OF THE WARREN COMMISSION TO CONCEAL THE TRUE IDENTITY OF THE ASSASSIN.

NIZER SAID LANE PREJUDGED THE COMMISSION REPORT BEFORE IT WAS ISSUED, WHILE TRAVELING ABOUT LECTURING TO PAYING AUDIENCES. THEN, NIZER ADDED, WHEN LANE WAS GIVEN A HEARING BEFORE THE COMMISSION HE DECLINED TO GIVE ANY SOURCE FOR INFORMATION HE CLAIMED TO HAVE ON THE ASSASSINATION.

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"THAT'S BECAUSE I DON'T SPECULATE," LANE REPLIED. "I LEAVE SPECULATING TO THE WARREN COMMISSION. I THINK THEY'VE PRE-EMPTED THE FIELD. I DEAL WITH THE FACTS. I DON'T KNOW WHO SHOT PRESIDENT KENNEDY. I KNOW SHOTS CAME FROM TWO DIRECTIONS."

NIZER CONTENDED OF THE MURDER WEAPON, WHICH THE COMMISSION TRACED TO OSWALD:

"NO OTHER WEAPON HAS EVER BEEN FOUND ANY PLACE NEAR THE MURDER. MR. LANE DOESN'T CLAIM IT. NO ONE CLAIMS IT. THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A CARTRIDGE SHELL, A BULLET OR A GUN OR A RIFLE OF ANY KIND, THAT IS CLAIMED BY ANY CRITIC, EXCEPT THIS RIFLE THAT WAS FOUND ON THE SIXTH FLOOR...."

"NOT ONE BIT OF DIRECT OR INDIRECT EVIDENCE IN ALL THESE YEARS HAS COME UP OF A CONSPIRACY....WE CHARGE THAT MR. LANE HAS DISTORTED, QUOTED OUT OF CONTEXT, SKILLFULLY MISSTATED VARIOUS STATEMENTS IN HIS BOOK."

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